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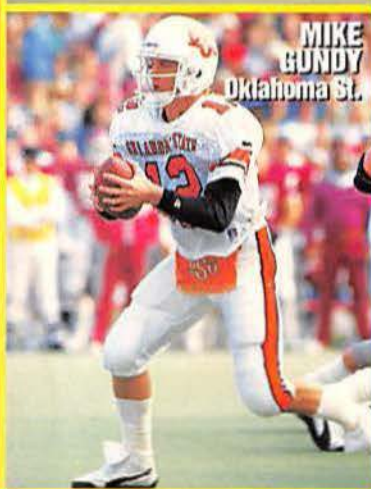
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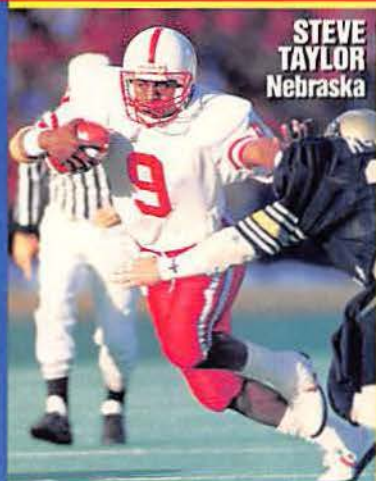


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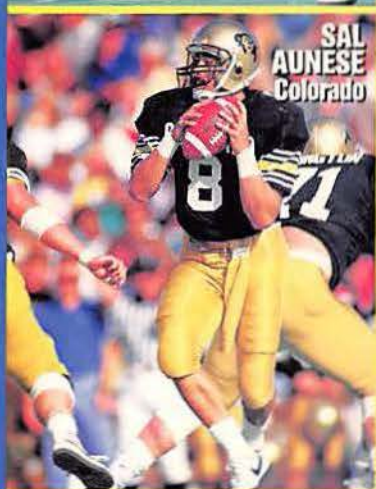
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The Top 20

1 Florida State: The Seminoles have a Heisman candidate in Sammie Smith, an Outland candidate in Pat Tomberlin, two proven receivers in Ronald Lewis and Terry Anthony, and a capable quarterback in Chip Ferguson. Defensively, the linebackers are inexperienced, but the line and secondary should be solid enough to make up for it. Games with Miami, Clemson, Michigan State, and South Carolina will be key.

2 Nebraska: There are some questions, particularly at running back and defensive back, but experience will compensate for it—20 of the Huskers' 22 starters figure to be juniors or seniors. The offensive line will be solid, as usual, and QB Steve Taylor is one of the nation's best. The schedule poses some challenges—Texas A&M, UCLA, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

3 Miami: The defending national champs won't surrender their title without a fight. QB Steve Walsh leads a solid offensive unit with two proven backs and some untested but talented receivers. The defense is stocked, especially across the front. But three victims are waiting for revenge—Florida State, Notre Dame, and Arkansas.

4 Oklahoma: The Sooners may have to play second fiddle to Nebraska, but they'll still be plenty tough. QB Jamelle Holieway is back, as are three proven running backs and most of the linebackers. Oklahoma will have some hurdles to clear in the form of USC, Texas, and the aforementioned Huskers.

5 USC: The Rose Bowl loss was just a temporary stumbling block, and may in fact serve as a catalyst for a team that is already loaded. QB Rodney Peete leads an offense that can move the ball on the ground or through the air. Seven starters return on defense, led by All-American Tim Ryan. But the Trojans have to get past Oklahoma, UCLA, and Notre Dame.

6 Iowa: QB Chuck Hartlieb, No. 3 in the nation in 1987 passing efficiency, returns. The running game appears solid, too, and there's experience at defensive end, linebacker, and defensive back. The schedule is favorable, but the Hawkeyes still have to face defending Rose Bowl champion Michigan State on the road.

7 Texas A&M: The Aggies proved in the Cotton Bowl that they belong in the Top 10. They have one of the SWC's best running backs in Darren Lewis, three capable quarterbacks, and a defense that has some holes but is generally solid. But the non-conference schedule—Nebraska, LSU, Alabama, and Oklahoma State—will be a test.

8 Clemson: The Tigers' season likely will rest on the outcome of two games—their September 17 matchup with Florida State and their season-ending tilt with South Carolina (both are at home). They have the talent to roll through the rest of their schedule untouched. QB Rodney Williams is one of nine returning starters on offense.

9 UCLA: QB Troy Aikman was the nation's No. 2-rated passer last year, and the Bruins' running game will be OK even without Gaston Green. The defense is good, not great, but the kicking game is the best in the Pac-10. Nebraska and USC are the major tests on the schedule.

Florida State, led by Heisman candidate Sammie Smith, heads into the 1988 season as the team to beat.

10 Auburn: The Tigers will rise to the top of the SEC, but they'll have to survive seven grueling league games (the SEC boasts five of the nation's top 25 teams) to get there. QB Reggie Slack is new but talented. The offensive and defensive lines are big and strong, and the secondary will be solid. The non-conference schedule is a breeze.

11 Georgia: The defense will be strong. Offensively, there are plenty of running backs, but wide receiver will be a problem. The Dawgs have a tough game with South Carolina, but the key games will be the opener against Tennessee and the late-season clash at Auburn.

12 Arkansas: Thirteen starters return, including the SWC's best quarterback, Quinn Grovey. There are two talented halfbacks, but only one starter back on the offensive line. The non-conference schedule is no problem, with the exception of season-ending date in Miami.

13 South Carolina: The Gamecocks have one of the nation's best quarterback's in Todd Ellis, a 1,000-yard rusher in Harold Green, and six starters back from a spectacular defense. Three games will make or break their season—Georgia, Florida State, and Clemson.

14 Tennessee: Quarterback Jeff Francis returns, along with running back Reggie Cobb and a couple of talented receivers. Defensively, they have to improve their work against the pass. The conference slate is their major concern.

15 Michigan State: With the enormous exception of Lorenzo White, most of the pieces of last season's Rose Bowl champion team are still in place. QB Bobby McAllister and WR Andre Rison are among seven returning starters on offense; DT Travis Davis and LB Percy Snow are two of eight starters back on defense. But the schedule is tough—Notre Dame, Florida State, and the Big 10 slate.

16 Texas: Fifteen starters return from last year's 7-5 team, including TB Eric Metcalf (1,161 yards). The offensive and defensive lines are experienced, and the receivers are a strong point. But the quarterback, Shannon Kelley, is untested, and the secondary is young. BYU and Oklahoma are the non-conference challenges.

17 Alabama: TB Bobby Humphrey is Heisman material, but the rest of the offense is a question mark. Defensively, two of three starters return on the line, the linebackers are good, and the secondary remains intact. Texas A&M and Penn State complement the usual assortment of SEC foes.

18 Notre Dame: The Irish may need to keep the ball on the ground to overcome QB Tony Rice's aerial deficiencies; they have plenty of talented backs. The defense will be key; the linebackers are solid and the secondary is OK. The schedule is tough, as usual (Michigan, Michigan State, Pitt, Miami, Penn State, and USC).

19 Indiana: Fifteen starters return from last year's team that made an impressive run at the Big 10 title. Dave Schnell is one of the league's best quarterbacks, and Anthony Thompson (1,014 yards) gives them a strong running game. The Hoosiers may be vulnerable against the run, but the schedule is favorable—both Iowa and Michigan State are home games.

20 Pittsburgh: There are questions at running back and quarterback, but most of the offensive line is intact, and the receiving corps is strong. The loss of DT Tony Siragusa (injury) hurts, but five other starters return from one of the nation's best defenses. Games with fellow independents West Virginia, Notre Dame, and Penn State will be critical.

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Clemson
2. North Carolina St.
3. Maryland
4. Wake Forest
5. North Carolina
6. Virginia
7. Duke
8. Georgia Tech

DANNY FORD SPENT MOST OF LAST season complaining that Clemson was overrated. Well, Danny, hold on to your fishin' pole. It's about to start all over again.

Your good ol' buddies that coach those other ACC teams happen to think the Tigers are in a class by themselves. Not that anybody can blame them, what with almost everybody back from a team that won 10 of 12 games and made Joe Paterno look like just another coach in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

History is on their side, as well. The Tigers have won two straight Atlantic Coast Conference championships and four in the 1980s. And only five teams in the nation have more successful records than Clemson (86-26-4) the past 10 years.

C'mon, Danny. Picking the Tigers to win the ACC is as safe as picking George Bush to win the Republican nomination for president.

"People are excited about Clemson in 1988 because of the number [18] of people we have coming back," Ford said. "It is nice to be considered among the elite of college football. But last year we were rated too high before the year started and our team and fans got a false idea of how good we were."

"We will have to bear down and work hard to become a good football team. We can't get big heads."

Rumor has it even a dose of overconfidence couldn't hurt the Tigers.

"My God, there ain't no doubt they're very strong," Wake Forest coach Bill Dooley said. "Talent-wise, nobody is in the same category. You've got Clemson and then everybody else."

Then everybody else is playing for second, right?

"I don't think you approach it from that stand-

point," Maryland coach Joe Krivak said. "But when you look at the personnel and the success Clemson has had over the years, they're ahead of everybody else."

Of course, you can't count out North Carolina State with Dick Sheridan at the helm. In two years in the league, Sheridan—5-1 against perennial league powers Clemson, North Carolina, and Maryland—has yet to lose to Ford, handing the Tigers their only ACC loss in 1987.

Had the Wolfpack been able to beat Wake Forest and Virginia, they would have earned a share of the title.

There's also North Carolina, one of the few teams with the physical talent to match up with Clemson and a new head coach promising to open up the offense. Maryland, which won the ACC title from 1983 to '85 (Clemson was on probation the first two years and ineligible), will be better if it can avoid another rash of injuries.

But how the Tar Heels, Terps, or anybody below the Tigers will finish is anybody's guess.

"It stacks up to be very interesting because teams can go one way or the other," Duke coach Steve Spurrier said. "Georgia Tech was picked third last year and they couldn't beat anybody. Virginia was probably picked in the bottom half and they got hot, finished second and went to a bowl."

"Right now, after Clemson, I'd say it's up for grabs."

Clemson

The schedule says Clemson opens the season Sept. 3 against Virginia Tech. Ask anybody on the team, though, and they'll say it began on New Year's Day, 1987, when the Tigers dismantled Penn State 35-10 in the Citrus Bowl.

On that sunny day in Orlando, Ford shocked the Nittany Lions out of their hightops with an offensive show few thought possible. Clemson's ultra-conservative, regular-season attack was left at home in favor of a multiple formation that made quarterback Rodney Williams look like a Heisman candidate.

"We did not go into the Penn State game with any more offensive plays than any other game," Ford said. "It was just a difference in execution and confidence. It would tickle me to death to be a more complete team this year."

Williams, the Citrus MVP, will be back to direct the option attack for a fourth straight season. He'll be joined by eight other starters on a unit that gained 499 yards against the Nittany Lions.

Tailback, a problem a year ago, is one of the deepest positions with the top three rushers back. Sophomore Terry Allen (868 yards) led the ACC in '87, followed closely by junior Wesley McFadden (743 yards). And junior Joe Henderson (366 yards) and redshirt freshman Charlie James may be better than both.

Tracy Johnson (469 yards) and Chris Lancaster give the Tigers two of the best blocking fullbacks around. The top nine receivers, led by senior Keith Jennings and junior Gary Cooper, are back as well.

Gone on the offensive line is All-America right tackle John Phillips, but everybody else is back for a second or third year. Pat Williams, 6-foot-4 and 285 pounds, started two years ago at left tackle and will more than adequately fill Phillips' shoes.

Defensively, ACC Player of the Year Michael Dean Perry and All-ACC nose guard Tony Stephens

are gone. But their replacements saw plenty of playing time in '87 as the Tigers, who led the ACC in total defense, went three deep across the front line.

Senior All-America cornerback Donnell Woolford, a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, will anchor an experienced secondary.

Clemson's biggest loss was at placekicker, where All-American David Treadwell graduated. Rusty Seyle, a walk on at punter last year, handled those duties in the spring. But Ford is counting on true freshman All-American Chris Gardocki of Stone Mountain, Ga., to make an immediate impact.

The biggest obstacle on Clemson's schedule is a Sept. 17 match against Florida State at Death Valley. Both teams will be ranked highly for the nationally televised game.

North Carolina St.

Dick Sheridan probably has nightmares realizing that a loss to Virginia cost the Wolfpack the 1986 ACC crown, and losses to Virginia and Wake Forest cost them the title in '87.

"It was just an awful experience for all of us," said Sheridan, whose team finished last season tied for third in the league at 7-4. "We want to do everything we can to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The nucleus certainly is there. N.C. State returns 16 starters, eight on each side, and Sheridan is one of the brightest young coaches in America. The biggest question mark will be quarterback, where sophomore Preston Poag and junior Shane Montgomery return.

Each played about half the '87 season because of injuries and ineffectiveness. Sheridan would like for one to step forward as the leader.

"I felt like from '86 to '87 the most obvious drop was in the quarterback play," Sheridan said. "We went from an All-ACC quarterback [Erik Kramer] to two quarterbacks who had never played in a college game. I think they both have gained valuable experience and we will be stronger in that area."

While the quarterback is a big question, the offensive line is a bigger concern. All-ACC center Chuck Massaro (6-3, 253) is the only returnee.

State lost its top rusher in Bobby Crumpler, but senior Mal Crite (463 yards, 4.7 average) returns at fullback. Anthony Barber, a high school All-American, gives the Wolfpack plenty of depth.

The receiving corps should be stronger with the return of senior Nasrallah Worthen, suspended from the team in '87. Worthen, now a co-captain, was a first-team All-ACC selection two years ago.

Defensively, State will rely on a pair of sophomore inside linebackers, Ray Frost and Clayton Henry, who started the final four games last season.

"Just like the quarterback position on offense, inside linebacker is critical to our defense," Sheridan said. "Even though we will be young there, we will be more experienced."

Maryland

The loss of 12 starters to injuries over the course of the season kept Joe Krivak's first year at Maryland from being a major success.

"Like everything else, it was a great learning experience," said Krivak, whose team finished 4-7. "We got our ears waxed a couple of times, but that's happened to us before, and it's going to happen

1987 ACC Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Clemson ^a	6	1	0	10	2	0
Virginia ^b	5	2	0	8	4	0
Wake Forest	4	3	0	7	4	0
North Carolina State	4	3	0	4	7	0
Maryland	3	3	0	4	7	0
North Carolina	3	4	0	5	6	0
Duke	2	5	0	5	6	0
Georgia Tech	0	6	0	2	9	0

a) Clemson defeated Penn State 35-10 in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

b) Virginia defeated BYU 22-16 in the All American Bowl.



Chuck Massaro, N.C. State's All-ACC center, opens up holes on the line.

again in this business. We've just got to get better."

Krivak, although he returns a team of mostly freshmen and sophomores, believes he has the nucleus to do just that this year. Six starters are back on offense and seven on defense.

Neil O'Donnell, who started the final four games in '87, will direct the offense. The junior quarterback passed for 913 yards and four touchdowns in five games.

Bren Lowery, the Terps' leading rusher with 556 yards and leading receiver with 44 catches for 252 yards, is back at tailback. Fullback Dennis Spinelli returns as well.

And Krivak insists he has to have a good year from Vernon Joines (24 receptions, 381 yards) at wide receiver. "Vernon has the ability and the skill to be the big-play guy we need," Krivak said.

All-American Ferrell Edmunds left a big hole at tight end. Krivak is counting on one of five players to fill that void.

The Terps lost three four-year lettermen on the offensive line, but Krivak believes he has the personnel to be solid there again. He's counting on Mark Agent, who played tackle most of 1987, to move to center.

Seniors guards Wayne Brunson and Warren Powers give the Terps a solid foundation on the defensive front. Krivak is hoping both will be impact players.

The strong suit of the defense is the secondary, where all four starters return.

"This could be an interesting group if we stay healthy," Krivak said. "But I don't want to use that as a crutch. We've just got to get better and play better. It's that simple."

Wake Forest

Bill Dooley is smiling these days and Mike Elkins is the reason why.

The senior quarterback, who has one of the best arms in the ACC, led Wake Forest to a 7-4 record and third place finish, making Dooley look like a genius his first season back in the league.

With eight other offensive starters back, Dooley is counting on even more from Elkins this season.

"I'm glad to have him back," Dooley said. "I don't know how much better we can be, but we have the opportunity to be more competitive."

Elkins' primary target will be junior wide receiver Ricky Prohl, who led the team with 54 catches. All-ACC running back Mark Young (795 yards) will keep opponents from stacking their defense against the passing game.

"Young made All-ACC, but he's got to be more durable," Dooley said. "We've got to find some depth to help him out."

Dooley's major concern is that the team will no longer be surprising. A year ago, Wake Forest jumped to a 5-0 start.

"The element of surprise is gone," Dooley said. "We're not going to slip up on anybody. On the other hand, the players know a lot more about our system, and they know what to expect."

Defensively, Dooley is counting on All-ACC defensive back A. J. Greene, who had seven interceptions and two touchdowns. He's also counting on Bob Pruitt, the new defensive coordinator, to instill new life.

North Carolina

Dick Crum was run out of town because of a lack of imagination on offense. Mack Brown is determined not to let that happen to him.



Cornerback Donnell Woolford keys Clemson's defense, which ranked No. 1 overall in the ACC last season.

The former Tulane coach, who inherited a 5-6 team that finished sixth in the ACC, spent the spring working out of every offensive set possible.

"We'll work out of the one-back set, we'll work out of the I, we'll use multiple formations, motion, shifting . . . we'll run the option if we find a quarterback who can run, and we'll throw," he said.

Jonathan Hall, who saw extensive playing time under center in '85 and '86 but sat out last season with a shoulder injury, will be the likely choice. But Hall's shoulder is still a question mark, which could leave the door open for sophomore Dan Walkowiak or freshman Deems May.

The Tar Heels are talented at tailback and fullback, and return all five offensive linemen, anchored by All-ACC guard, junior Pat Crowley (6-3, 280).

Junior tailback Torin Dorn (479 yards), the team's second-leading rusher last season, and senior fullback Jason Thompson (375 yards) will power the ground game.

To shore up the receiving corps, Brown moved tailback Reggie Clark to split end. The only returning starter who caught a pass last year is senior Randy Marriott (36 catches, 634 yards).

Only four starters return from a defense that was second in the league last year. Competition along the front line, where three starters graduated, will be particularly fierce. To compensate, Brown has moved linebacker Dennis Tripp to defensive tackle and outside linebacker Dave Wolf to nose guard.



Clemson returns the ACC's No. 1 rusher in sophomore tailback Terry Allen.



Fullback Mal Crite is the leading returning ground gainer for the Wolfpack.

Those won't be the only changes. UNC will run out of a base 50-defense, compared to a 4-3 under Crum.

The strength should be at outside linebacker, where four lettermen are back, including senior Anthony Goss, (6-4, 220) and junior John Reed (6-3, 225).

Brown also is concerned about a lack of experience and speed in the secondary, where junior free safety Dan Vooletich is the only returnee.

If that wasn't enough, Brown has to contend with perhaps the strongest non-conference schedule in the league. The Tar Heels open against South Carolina, followed by Oklahoma, Louisville, and Auburn.

"I think we've probably got a long year ahead of us," Brown said.

Virginia

Was there anybody who wasn't surprised by Virginia's second place finish in the league? The Cavaliers shocked everyone.

Nevertheless, these guys were for real, thanks to a quarterback named Scott Secules and a solid corps of receivers, led by John Ford.

Ford is back in '88, but Secules isn't, which makes the Cavaliers a question. Shawn Moore is the likely successor at quarterback, but he threw only 18 times during last season's 7-4 campaign.

"We'd like to throw the ball because we have some good receivers," said coach George Welsh, who returns seven starters on offense. "But we can't do that without a good quarterback. We also can't expect Moore to be as good as Secules or as efficient as Secules, because Secules was a fifth-year starter. We may have to find other ways to get first downs and touchdowns."

Ford, who led the ACC in receiving with 48 catches for 855 yards and six touchdowns, is too tempting a target to pass up. Tim Finkelston (31 catches, 430 yards) isn't bad, either.



Hard-hitting Eric Thomas anchors Georgia Tech's linebacking unit.

The Cavs' ground game will be in the hands of redshirt freshman Marcus Wilson, the team's leading rusher with 692 yards and seven touchdowns. Kevin Morgan (489 yards) is back as well.

Virginia can only get better defensively, with nine starters returning. Senior linebacker Jeff Lage-man (6-6, 236) led the team in tackles last year with 89. Junior Roy Savage, the team's second-leading tackler, is back at defensive end.

Returning to the secondary is the nation's interception leader, Keith McMeans (9). He is joined by junior All-ACC cornerback Kevin Cook (8).

"We have some holes to fill, but not as many as in other years," Welsh said. "We have a good nucleus to go from."

Duke

Steve Spurrier promised to bring excitement back to Blue Devils football last year and he did. It doesn't get much more exciting than losses by one, two, and three points.

Indeed, Duke was within six points of an 8-3 record and possible bowl trip. Instead, they finished the usual 5-6 and in the lower level of the league.

"We have a similar situation this year," Spurrier said. "If we can win some close games and play a little better, we can turn things around."

To accomplish that, the Blue Devils must improve on their last place finish in the league on defense. Spurrier hopes new defensive coordinator Rick Johnson, hired from Texas Christian University, is the man to do the job.

Although Duke will work out of a 4-3 base defense, Johnson has installed a nine-man front similar to the one South Carolina used to finish among the top defensive clubs nationally last year. He'll have six returning starters to work with.

The Blue Devils compensated for their ineptness

on defense with the league's top offense. With eight starters back from that unit, Spurrier can at least keep things interesting while the defense catches up.

Quarterback Steve Slayden (2,924 yards, 20 TDs), left the biggest hole. His likely replacement is Anthony Dilweg, who started in a 17-10 loss to Clemson.

"He hasn't played very much, but he's a smart young man who wants to do well," Spurrier said.

Duke's receivers are as good as any in the league. Clarkston Hines (57 catches, 1,093 yards) and tight end Dave Colonna return. Tailback Roger Boone

led the team in receptions (62) and rushing (550 yards).

"We've got to be able to do a better job of running the ball," Spurrier said. "We had some leads in games last year we couldn't hold because we had trouble running and consuming the clock."

Georgia Tech

Say hello to the most disappointing team of 1987.

The Yellow Jackets, picked to finish as high as second in the league under first-year coach Bobby Ross, failed to win an ACC game en route to a 2-9 record.

Tech was hit hard from all angles. Academic problems and injuries allowed only four of Ross' top 22 players to start the entire season.

"We're going to try to get better—if we can survive the injury and academic crunch," Ross said. "Who would have figured all that would have happened to us?"

The main questions this year are at quarterback and receiver. Todd Rampley, who quarterbacked Tech in the All-American Bowl two years ago, is the front-runner. If he doesn't come through, Ross will choose between Mike Rhodes and Lee Williamson.

Greg Lester, who led Tech with 33 catches, is back. Leading rusher Richard Hills (373 yards) also returns. He will be joined by T. J. Edwards, a transfer from Duke.

The offensive line is anchored by a pair of young tackles, Jessie Marion (6-4, 276) and Darryl Jenkins (6-5, 283).

"We'll be all right on offense if we can find a quarterback," Ross said.

Defensively, Ross needs to find some help in the secondary, where All-ACC safety and leading tackler Riccardo Ingram used to roam.

Tech is strong at linebacker, with Willis Crockett and Eric Thomas back. Junior Willis Burks anchors the front line.

Because of last year's injuries, Ross also is counting on help from his freshman class.

"I usually go into the season with the idea that I'll redshirt all the freshmen," he said. "This time, I'll go in with the idea of seeing who could help us." ■

—David Newton

Returning ACC Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Rodney Williams	Clemson	7	86	185	1,272	6

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Terry Allen	Clemson	1	172	868	5.0	7
Mark Young	Wake Forest	2	179	795	4.4	4
Wesley McFadden	Clemson	3	125	743	5.9	6
Marcus Wilson	Virginia	4	172	692	4.0	7
Bren Lowery	Maryland	8	168	556	3.3	5

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Roger Boone	Duke	1	62	587	9.5	0
Clarkston Hines	Duke	2	57	1,093	19.2	11
John Ford	Virginia	4	48	855	17.8	6
Bren Lowery	Maryland	5	44	252	5.7	2

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

SEC

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Auburn
2. Georgia
3. Tennessee
4. Louisiana St.
5. Alabama
6. Florida
7. Vanderbilt
8. Mississippi
9. Kentucky
10. Mississippi St.

THE BEATING GOES ON. Once again Southeastern Conference coaches are marveling at the strength of the league's upper division and refusing to name a clear-cut favorite for the championship.

Once again they are predicting their conference as the nation's toughest.

Once again, they are probably right.

"Last year I didn't think we'd ever had a season where more teams were capable of beating anybody else," proclaims Tennessee coach John Majors. "There are a half-dozen teams that have been contenders for the last couple of years. And I think this year it will be more wide-open than ever."

Since 1982 five different teams have won the title, with only Auburn repeating. Alabama has won 18 crowns since 1933 but none since 1979.

It would be easy to say parity exists along with strength—except for one not-so-minor detail. Auburn might very well make its third trip to the Sugar Bowl since 1983.

The Tigers, despite the loss of quarterback Jeff Burger and linebacker Aundray Bruce, return enough talent to figure as the favorites once again. Their schedule is tough but fair.

Tennessee and Georgia might decide who will be runner-up on the first weekend of the season. They

play in Athens on September 3. Whoever wins that game becomes the leading threat to Auburn. But both teams play at Auburn—Tennessee in September and Georgia in November.

The Vols, despite a seasoned quarterback, may not have enough defense to stop Georgia's ground game in the opener. The Bulldogs, with Wayne Johnson taking over at quarterback, will once again emphasize the run. On defense, a change from an eight-man front to a 3-4 is expected to help the pass coverage.

Tennessee has Alabama at home and a favorable final month. But an 0-2 start would eliminate them.

A new wrinkle has been added this year—an increase in league games from six to seven. That will provide for a truer champ but, as Majors adds, "There's a chance for more people to be upset."

Isn't that the case in this league anyway? The champion hasn't been unbeaten and untied since Auburn in 1983.

Auburn

Pat Dye is concerned. That means the rest of the SEC should beware of the Tigers. After all, he learned his poor-mouthing as an assistant to the master—Alabama's Bear Bryant.



Tennessee's Cobb had a sensational freshman season, gaining 1,197 yards.

Alabama, with 16 starters and both kickers returning, could make a run and silence critics of head coach Bill Curry.

Florida needs a quarterback. LSU, which hopes tailback Harvey Williams bounces back from knee surgery, must win road tests at Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida.

Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and Kentucky again will make up the bottom four.

Dye, who has won two SEC titles since 1983, is calling this "a rebuilding year for us. We're an unknown quantity and quality right now. We have some awfully big gaps to fill. We've got names and numbers, but it is still a matter of them developing into winning football players."

Don't doubt Dye's ability as the catalyst for that transformation. Say what you want about his decision to go for a tie in the Sugar Bowl against

1987 SEC Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Auburn ^a	5	0	1	9	1	2
Louisiana State ^b	5	1	0	10	1	1
Tennessee ^c	4	1	1	10	2	1
Georgia ^d	4	2	0	9	3	0
Alabama ^e	4	2	0	7	5	0
Florida ^f	3	3	0	6	6	0
Kentucky	1	5	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	1	5	0	4	7	0
Mississippi State	1	5	0	4	7	0
Mississippi	1	5	0	3	8	0

a) Auburn tied with Syracuse 16-16 in the Sugar Bowl.

b) Louisiana State defeated South Carolina 30-13 in the Gator Bowl.

c) Tennessee defeated Indiana 27-22 in the Peach Bowl.

d) Georgia defeated Arkansas 20-17 in the Liberty Bowl.

e) Alabama lost to Michigan 28-24 in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

f) Florida lost to UCLA 20-16 in the Aloha Bowl.



The Gators will have the '87 SEC rushing leader, Emmitt Smith, returning.



LSU coach Archer calls Hodson 'the most poised QB I've been around.'

Syracuse or some of his publicized blunders, but the bottom line on Dye reads as follows: six straight bowls, an average of nine wins per year, and a .738 winning percentage.

He does have a few questions on defense, particularly at inside linebacker, but he always seems to find some talent.

"I think we'll be a good defensive team," he says. "But whether or not we reach the status we were last year [second in total defense and first in scoring defense] remains to be seen. We're not blessed with depth anywhere. We have to stay free of injuries."

Dye will admit to having "three potential all-star players" along the front line: Tracy Rucker, an All-America candidate and a finalist for the Lombardi Award last year; nose guard Benji Roland and tackle Ron Stallworth. That's not a bad start.

The secondary, led by All-America candidate Carlo Cheatom, will be solid. Outside linebacker, despite the loss of No. 1 NFL pick Aundray Bruce, returns enough talent that Dye says "We feel good about the position." Predicted starters are Craig Ogletree and Brian Smith.

At inside linebacker, replacements must be found for Kurt Crain and Edward Phillips, both excellent performers. Five players, including Quentin Riggins, have chances to contribute.

On offense, Dye returns some splendid athletes such as wide receiver Lawyer Tillman (32 catches for 600 yards and six touchdowns), who may be the league's premier wideout. Flanker Freddy Weyand is experienced and dependable. Tight end Walter Reeves (6-4, 247 pounds) might be the league's best.

The line will be big and strong as it normally is, led by 6-6, 261-pound All-SEC candidate Jim Thompson at left tackle. The only question is right tackle, where sophomore Rob Selby figures as the starter.

The backfield might be the key to Auburn's success, beginning with junior quarterback Reggie Slack. Stepping in for the departed Jeff Burger,

Slack will carry much of the burden this year. As a back-up in 1987, he completed 17 of 29 passes for 280 yards and three touchdowns, playing in only three games. Against Mississippi State, he completed 11 of 17 passes for 185 yards and the three TDs.

Fullback Vincent Harris was the team's third-leading rusher and fourth-leading receiver. He also was just about the only healthy runner in spring practice. Stacy Danley, who led the Tigers with 468 yards on 94 carries, had bone spurs removed from his knee during the offseason. James Joseph was recovering from a cracked knee cap. Harry Mose was recovering from a broken neck.

The kicking game, however, is in fine shape. Placekicker Win Lyle (73 points) and punter Brian Shulman (40.6-yard average) both are back after All-SEC seasons.

Georgia

Who says you can't teach an old Dawg new tricks? After 24 years of running the Split-60 defense (which features an eight-man front some critics consider antiquated), head coach Vince Dooley is switching to a seven-man front for his silver anniversary season at Georgia.

The intent is to improve pass defense. Georgia ranked last in the SEC in that category in each of the past two seasons.

and Morris Lewis are strong and talented. Starting outside linebacker Vince Guthrie, a potential All-SEC player, missed spring practice with academic problems. He is expected back for the fall.

On offense, Dooley is so blessed with running backs, he experimented with the Wishbone in short-yardage and goal-line situations. Tim Worley and Keith Henderson, starters in 1985 and 1986, return after missing a year because of academic suspension. Sophomore tailback Rodney Hampton, who gained 890 yards while playing behind Lars Tate as a freshman, also returns.

Starting fullback Alphonso Ellis is back, along with swingman Brian Cleveland.

Wayne Johnson, a fifth-year senior, will take over for James Jackson at quarterback.

Three starting linemen, including center Todd Wheeler, return. But the Bulldogs must replace guards Kim Stephens and Mack Burroughs, both four-year starters.

"If there is one position of concern it is offensive guard," says Dooley. "We are going to miss them more than any players on our team this year."

The depth chart says wide receiver is the biggest problem, though Dooley never has emphasized the passing game. Only senior John Thomas (25 catches, 391 yards) has any significant experience. Freshmen definitely will be called upon to help.



Standout RB Bobby Humphrey has Alabama fans talking about the Sugar Bowl.

"It's important that we recall that some of the lack of success the last couple of years is because we haven't been blessed with the great players we had in the early 1980s," says Dooley. "We don't want to change so much that we forget the good things we did, like our defense against the run. Call our defense a multiple-seven with eight-man capabilities."

But will it be a lucky seven? Dooley's collection of talent suggests it might. The Bulldogs are very deep at linebacker, solid across the front line, and potentially good in the secondary. Their best player may be nose guard Bill Goldberg, a 6-3, 226-pound junior who already is being pushed for All-America honors.

Senior Terrie Webster, the top linebacker, is the most athletic of a succession of excellent Bulldogs who have plugged the middle since 1980. Junior cornerback Ben Smith appears destined for the NFL.

Bookend outside linebackers Norman Cowins

Tennessee

Before many of the nation's teams even open their seasons, UT coach John Majors will know about his chances of winning the SEC title. The Vols jump into one of their toughest schedules ever on September 3 against Georgia in Athens.

The last time the Vols played between the hedges, they were clipped 44-0 in 1981. The score won't be so lopsided this time because Herschel Walker is gone and UT's defense is improved. But that defense still has plenty of question marks, and the answers will determine the Vols' success this year.

"We need a revitalization of our defensive spirit, attitude, enthusiasm, aggressiveness, and we need to be a better technique and fundamental defensive football team," says Majors. "We have a lot of new people on the defensive front. We're rebuilding the secondary, and we have some big problems to solve on our entire defensive football team. I want to be realistic. I just don't know what to expect."

The Vols lost an excellent linebacker in Kelly

Ziegler and two speedy cornerbacks. Mike Kelley, a starter at outside linebacker, quit the team during the spring and is not expected back—more bad news for a team that was ninth in the SEC in pass defense.

Among the returnees, linebacker Keith DeLong, son of former Tennessee Outland Trophy winner Steve DeLong, is the top player. He made 17 tackles in the regular-season finale against Vanderbilt.

Safeties Cedric Kline and Kelly Days are talented and experienced. Marion Hobby is the only starting lineman back.

The Vols allowed an average of nearly 19 points a game last season, but they managed a 10-2-1 record by leading the SEC in scoring offense at 32.9 points a game. They can be that potent again this year.

Senior Jeff Francis may be the league's most effective and underrated quarterback. He threw for 1,512 yards last year, completing 60.2% of his passes to rank fourth in the SEC in passing efficiency. He needs just 194 yards to break the school career mark of 3,823.

Last year the cool-headed Francis engineered comeback victories over Iowa, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, and Indiana. He also passed UT down the field to tie Auburn.

His top two targets of a year ago—Terence Cleveland and Thomas Woods—return, along with tight end Nate Middlebrooks.

This is not to suggest the Vols can't move the ball on the ground. Reggie Cobb tied SEC records for touchdowns (20) and points (120) while gaining 1,197 yards—as a freshman.

Keith Davis, a talented runner who has been plagued by knee injuries, is a capable back-up. Fullback is a question with sophomore Roland Poles expected to start.

Kevin Simons is an all-conference candidate at tackle. But three starting linemen, including All-America guard Harry Galbreath, are gone. Galbreath won the Jacobs Trophy as the SEC's best blocker.

Eric Still, who moved from guard to tackle, and Phil Stuart, who moved from tackle to guard, have the most experience among other returnees.

Both kickers also must be replaced.

Louisiana State

The last time LSU lost a road game in the SEC was 1984—13 trips ago.

Reality returns this season.

The Tigers, coming off a 10-1-1 record and a victory in the Gator Bowl, face probably the toughest schedule in the league, maybe the nation. After a home game with Texas A&M, they go on the road to Tennessee, Ohio State, and Florida before returning to Tiger Stadium to face league-favorite Auburn.

If they can still growl, their final four games include a trip to Alabama and a home battle with Miami.

Even if tailback Harvey Williams weren't coming off knee surgery and the entire starting receiving corps hadn't graduated and the heart of the offensive line weren't gone and three of four secondary starters weren't missing, the Tigers would have trouble this season because of that schedule.

As it is, they could be in for a painful year, considering 59 of their scholarship players are sophomores and freshmen. The entire 1987 recruiting class was redshirted.

Williams, who gained 1,001 yards before going

down, is ahead of schedule and expected back. How effective he will be is the question. Eddie Fuller, not a bad back himself, will play extensively at tailback.

Junior quarterback Tom Hodson, third in SEC passing efficiency and second in total offense, is being pushed for the Heisman Trophy. LSU has a 19-3-1 record in games Hodson has started.

"The thing that sets Tommy apart is that he makes so many big plays," says second-year head coach Mike Archer. "Physically and mentally he gets us out of bad situations with great maturity. He might be the most poised quarterback I've ever been around."

If Hodson can match his league-best yardage total of 2,125, he might deserve the Heisman. The returnees at receiver are that inexperienced. Gone from last year are everybody's All-American Wendell Davis (SEC-best 72 catches), underrated Rogie Magee, dependable tight end Brian Kinchen, and back-up tailback Sammy Martin (393 yards receiving and fourth in SEC in all-purpose yards). They are all good reasons the Tigers led the SEC in total offense last year with 440 yards per game.

The only receiver with significant experience is Tony Moss, a 5-7 speedster who caught a 36-yard touchdown pass against Georgia.

The line must replace all-stars Nacho Albergamo at center and Eric Andolsek at guard. But the expected return of tackle Ralph Norwood from a knee injury will bolster the corps tremendously.

Outside linebacker Eric Hill epitomizes LSU's swarming, intimidating defense, so it was perhaps fitting that he should be suspended from spring practice because of his role in a barroom brawl. He is expected back in the fall along with counterpart Ron Sancho, the team's top defender.

Only three other starters return, including nose guard Darrell Phillips and end Clint James.

The situation is particularly critical in the secondary, where weak safety Greg Jackson is the only returnee, and he is learning a new position after moving from strong safety. Corey Raymond, a red-shirt freshman, figures to fit into Jackson's old spot.

Punt returner Jimmy Young and senior Mike Mayes will man the cornerback spots.

If all this wasn't cause for enough questions, the punter figures to be walk-on Brian Griffith. Place-kicker David Browndyke, who made some All-SEC teams last year, does bring experience and dependability to that part of the kicking game.

Alabama

Don't look now, but the Tide is about ready to rise again. Last capturing an SEC title in 1979, Alabama is on the verge of going back to the Sugar Bowl. Heisman Trophy candidate Bobby Humphrey and 47 other returning lettermen combine to make the Crimson Tide the league's darkhorse contender this year.

Some people might even consider them the leading contender. Tide fans are glad to hear that after last season's 7-5 record.

"We have so many questions," says second-year coach Bill Curry. "Tons of questions."

To begin finding some answers, Curry hired former Army head coach Homer Smith as offensive coordinator. That change, says Curry, is designed to establish "a passing game we can rely on. Homer will be a plus for everybody. He's been through all the battles and all the wars."

Smith figures to oversee a war at quarterback where Jeff Dunn and David Smith, the starter last



Auburn's defensive front, led by Tracy Rocker, is rock solid in '88.

year before going down with an injury, will battle it out. Former high school All-American Billy Ray was supposed to be in that fight, but he quit the team during spring practice.

Greg Payne is back at wide receiver with Marco Battle projected as the flanker. Howard Cross (6-6, 240) is more than capable at tight end.

Any improvement in the passing attack will be welcomed. The Tide ranked last in the SEC last season at 113 yards per game. They had fewer attempts and completions than anyone but Georgia.

Those lowly numbers helped the Tide rank last in total offense as well, despite Humphrey's 1,255 rushing yards. Already the school's career rushing leader, Humphrey will be the focal point of every opposing defense, which is another reason an improved passing game is so important.

Humphrey, a 6-1, 187-pound senior, also led the SEC in all-purpose yards with 161.9 per game.

Whatever the success of the air game, however, the ground game will not be lacking blockers. Robert Stewart (6-0, 246) moved from linebacker to fullback and likely will start. Three starting linemen return, including four-year starter Larry Rose at left guard. He probably is the best guard in the SEC.

The new starters are hardly slouches. At left tackle will be senior John Frugmorgen (6-6, 290), while the right guard should be junior Andy Anderson (6-5, 267).

The defense is led by All-America candidate Derrick Thomas, a Cornelius Bennett clone at linebacker. Moving from outside to inside, the 6-4, 222-pounder will try to improve on his incredible 18 sacks and two blocked punts of a year ago.

Senior Greg Gilbert returns to start at the other inside linebacker spot. Thomas Rayam is back at outside linebacker, while George Bethune will step into Thomas' spot.

Tackle Tommy Cole and nose guard Willie Wyatt both started last year. End David Lenoir is a newcomer.

The secondary, which helped the Crimson Tide rank second in the SEC with 18 interceptions, returns intact. Senior free safety Kermit Kendrick is the leader with cornerback Gene Jelks, a converted running back, one of the team's fastest players.

The kicking game will be one of the league's best with four-year punter Chris Mohr back after averaging 40.5 yards and sophomore Phillip Doyle returning after ranking second in the SEC in field goals per game with 1.3.

The schedule is challenging to say the least with trips to Texas A&M and Tennessee and home games with Penn State and LSU before the annual season finale against Auburn in Birmingham.

Florida

Never a dull moment in Gainesville. Just as the program is finally stabilizing its scholarships following NCAA sanctions, Gator head coach Galen Hall restructures his entire staff by bringing in five new coaches, including offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee from Texas A&M.

Then, just to make spring practice more interesting, Hall suspends 11 players, including star tailback Emmitt Smith, for two weeks following an altercation at a Florida fraternity house.

The big question is can they make this season more exciting than last year's 6-6 campaign? It won't be easy. Despite the presence of Smith, whose SEC-leading 1,341 yards put him with Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett as the only freshmen in NCAA history to break 1,300, the Gators have an abundance of questions and inexperience.

With caps of 85 and 75 players on their overall limit in 1985 and 1986, the Gators signed a total of 29 freshmen those two years—less than half the maximum normally allowed. They project to be at 90 this season but only a third will be juniors and seniors.

Even more significant, sophomore Herbert Perry, sophomore Kyle Morris, and freshman Lex Smith are the only candidates to replace four-year starter Kerwin Bell at quarterback. The 6-2, 205-pound Perry, who played at the same Mayo, Fla., high school as Bell, has the edge because of his experience—if three completions in eight attempts for 38 yards can be considered experience.

A decision on the starter won't be made until August. Even then, Hall indicates, the Gators could deploy a two-quarterback system. One of five incoming freshmen may even compete.

"I've always been a one-quarterback person, but Lynn has not," said Hall. "We'll do what's best for the team. Lynn might be quicker about pulling somebody. It's not like having a Kerwin Bell. Now we're just about even. I guess there are such things as having a hot hand, but that won't be determined until the fall."

At least the wide receivers are experienced this year with returning starters Stacey Simmons and Tony Lomack. Terence Barber, who sat out last year because of Proposition 48, might move into the lineup when he is allowed to practice in August.

Three starters return on the line but only a total of six lettermen. Hall considers tackle David Williams an All-American. Injuries hampered development of other players during spring practice.

The defensive line will be the strongest point of the team with returning starters Jeff Roth at nose guard and Rhondy Weston at tackle. An excellent addition has been tackle Trace Armstrong, a transfer from Arizona State who will start.

The linebacker corps will be solid but unspectacular. Sophomore Huey Richardson is the heir apparent to All-America outside linebacker Clifford Charlton. Pat Moore started eight games last year at inside linebacker.

Though Louis Oliver is one of the nation's best safeties, the Gator secondary is unstable.

"This is the first time in several years we don't have an experienced, talented secondary already in place," said Hall. "We must have some players come forth and perhaps have help from an incoming freshman or two."

The Gators' salvation might be the schedule. They drop Miami and pick up Ole Miss. They also play Montana State, Indiana State, Mississippi State, and Memphis State.

Vanderbilt

Eric Jones. The name means little outside the Southeastern Conference. Vanderbilt athletic officials want to change all that. So they've given him a prefix designed to catch every football fan's attention: Heisman Trophy candidate Eric Jones.

Nearly every Vandy publicity release contains that phrase. Nearly every telephone conversation with a Vandy official includes that reference.

It may sound presumptuous for a quarterback who led his team to a 4-7 record last year, but Jones is an actual Heisman candidate.

"I think Eric deserves the chance to have the opportunity to compete for it," says head coach Watson Brown, explaining the marketing strategy.

"He was No. 1 in passing efficiency in the SEC last year. He means everything to our team. It's a quarterback offense. He can run and he can throw. Every scout tells me he's one of the top five draftable quarterbacks in the country."

His identity might be shaky but his statistics can't be denied. Last season he ranked fifth in the nation in passing efficiency (139 completions in 229 attempts for 1,954 yards, 16 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions). On the ground he was just as dangerous, rushing for 665 yards and leading the SEC in total offense with 238 yards per game. That's nearly 50 more than LSU's Tom Hodson.

"If there's a better player in the country than Eric Jones, I haven't seen him," boasts Brown. "He is phenomenal."

But Brown has a problem. The last player to win the Heisman while competing for a losing team was Paul Hornung at Notre Dame in 1956. Though the schedule offers the opportunity for a 6-5 season, Vandy can count on nothing. The Commodores have had just one winning season since 1975.

Jones will need some help, mainly from his defense, which finished last in the SEC in 1987 and returns just five starters this year. Eight starters are back on offense, including shifty wide receiver Boo Mitchell, fullback Andy McCarroll, and four starters on the line.

"Offensively, we should be very good," says Brown. "If we're not, we will not have a good football team... because our defense is going to be so young and inexperienced."

Two redshirt freshmen and four sophomores figure as starters on defense. Only one senior will start, strong safety Joe Gentry, who made three fumble recoveries last year.

The top defender is junior middle linebacker

Returning SEC Statistical Leaders

PASSING

		1987				
Name	School	Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Eric Jones	Vanderbilt	1	139	229	1,954	16
Tom Hodson	LSU	3	162	265	2,125	15
Jeff Francis	Tennessee	4	121	201	1,512	8
John Darnell	Mississippi	7	54	95	675	2
Mark Young	Mississippi	8	140	261	1,490	9
Glenn Fohr	Kentucky	9	74	163	973	6
Mike Davis	Mississippi St.	10	60	129	779	2

RUSHING

		1987				
Name	School	Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Emmitt Smith	Florida	1	229	1,341	5.9	13
Bobby Humphrey	Alabama	3	238	1,255	5.3	11
Reggie Cobb	Tennessee	5	237	1,197	5.1	17
Harvey Williams	LSU	6	154	1,001	6.5	11
Rodney Hampton	Georgia	7	126	890	7.1	4
Hank Phillips	Mississippi St.	8	184	848	4.6	8
Eric Jones	Vanderbilt	9	179	665	3.7	6

RECEIVING

		1987				
Name	School	Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Lawyer Tillman	Auburn	5	32	600	18.8	6
Boo Mitchell	Vanderbilt	7	34	549	16.2	0
Willie Green	Mississippi	8	34	588	17.3	3
Fred Hadley	Mississippi St.	10	28	499	17.8	1

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

Demond Winston, who moved from defensive end where he was a regular last year.

"There's no doubt the No. 1 priority is defense," says Brown. "I don't think we can win six or more football games without playing much better defense."

Taking a clue from Michigan State, which won the Big Ten, Brown altered his defensive alignment to a multiple formation that will allow for more blitzes and varying secondary packages that he hopes will create more turnovers.

Depth is an annual problem at Vandy, but Brown redshirted 27 players last year, including 18 of 23 signees. He hopes that will help establish a solid base.

Mississippi

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the SEC last season was the collapse of Ole Miss. In 1986 the Rebels were 8-3-1 and won the Independence Bowl. They were picked to finish near the top in 1987, mainly because the No. 1 defense from 1986 returned virtually intact.

The cloud of NCAA probation hung over the Rebels' heads, but they said it would only give them more incentive. Apparently, that wasn't enough. They sunk to ninth in total defense and scoring defense and finished at 3-8, losing their finale to bitter rival Mississippi State.

"Last season," says head coach Billy Brewer, "was one of the most unusual years I've ever experienced as a football coach."

In an effort to ensure that does not happen again, Brewer has cleaned house on his staff, replacing

four assistants, including both coordinators. The most startling move came on offense, where Brewer brought in veteran coach Red Parker, the former Clemson head coach.

Parker immediately changed the offense to the Veer. While he was doing that, projected starting quarterback John Darnell was playing baseball. That gave former starter Mark Young plenty of opportunity to learn the new system. Young has thrown for 3,002 yards in his career but lost the job to Darnell at the end of last season.

The receiving corps features Willie Green (34 catches, 588 yards) and tight end Shawn Sowder. Shawn Sykes returns at tailback. Senior fullback Joe Mickles is back after missing most of last season with a neck injury. His presence might help the Rebels improve from ninth in league rushing offense.

Two starters and three lettermen return to the offensive line, including junior guard Derek King, who missed most of last year with a broken foot.

Brewer toyed with his defense after it allowed 367 yards per game. The Rebels will show 3-4 and 4-3 looks.

"This gives us additional depth inside," says Brewer, "and allows us to take advantage of our speed and experience at linebacker."

Though both inside linebackers will be new, the rest of the defensive front returns intact. Outside linebacker Wesley Walls and tackle Rodney Lowe are of all-conference caliber.

In the secondary, cornerback Stevon Moore is back. Don Price, who missed the spring because of academic problems, might be back.

"We have a number of people on defense who have playing time," says Brewer. "We hope they can maintain the performance level we've been seeking. I'm excited about the prospects of our defensive unit."

Kentucky

The Wildcat football program made some rare headlines during basketball season. But the news wasn't exactly good.

Wide receiver Dee Smith, the team's top kick-return man and deep threat, was arrested last winter on drug charges. He is not expected to be with the team this season.

Head coach Jerry Claiborne also made news, going into the hospital with complications from kidney stones. Fans at least were able to react to his problem with humor. Claiborne, a notoriously conservative coach who relies heavily on the running game, had trouble passing his kidney stone. The joke around Lexington went that if he had tried to run it off tackle instead of pass it, he wouldn't have had any problems at all.

Oddly enough, when Claiborne returned to the practice field in the spring, the first thing he did was start experimenting with—of all things—the passing game. He looked at the wide-open Run-and-Shoot, a stark contrast to his run-and-run attack.

With only four offensive starters returning, Claiborne figured a gimmick might be necessary. Besides, quarterback Glenn Fohr, who started four games last year, is more comfortable with that style of attack. He's also more comfortable in the Kentucky system after a year of experience.

Playing hard-to-get



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Great legs



In nine games he completed 74 of 163 attempts for 973 yards and six touchdowns. He saved his best for last, throwing for 240 yards against Tennessee in the 1987 regular-season finale. That is considered a good omen.

His problem won't be finding receivers, despite Smith's expected absence. Tight end Charlie Darlington, one of the SEC's best, led the team in receiving a year ago. The wideouts aren't particularly experienced, but they will be bolstered by junior college transfer Alfred Jones.

Fuhr also has plenty of running backs to use as targets, including Ivy Joe Hunter, Al Baker and JC transfer Alfred Rawls. Gone is tailback Mark Higgs, who set the school single-season rushing record with 1,278 yards.

The big problem—and another reason for going to a passing game with a moving pocket—is on the offensive line. Only two lettermen return, though one is All-SEC candidate Mike Pfeifer at tackle.

Claiborne reveals his concerns about the offense by placing so much emphasis and responsibility on the defense, which returns eight starters.

"Hopefully we can put together a real fine defensive football team," said Claiborne. "If people don't score, they can't beat you, and with eight defensive starters coming back, that should be our squad's strength."

The secondary returns intact. All-SEC candidate Vic Adams again anchors the line. Kentucky is particularly encouraged about the defense because of its performance last year. The Wildcats ranked third in SEC total defense and tied for fifth in scoring defense.

One big change for Kentucky will be on the schedule. For the past few years the Wildcats have played nonconference teams in the first month and started off with encouraging records. That won't happen this year. The Wildcats play their second game at Auburn and third game at Big 10 contender Indiana.

Mississippi State

The euphoria over head coach Rocky Felker's phenomenal start has worn off. Now it's time to see what the MSU alumnus can really do with this team.

Since going 6-1 in his first seven games as head coach, Felker has lost 11 of his last 15 for a two-year total of 10-12. Also during that time he is 3-9 in the SEC.

But with 17 starters returning, the Bulldogs should improve this season. But the upper division is still out of reach, mainly because of the schedule. MSU plays at Florida and Auburn and faces Georgia, LSU, and Alabama either in Starkville or second-home Jackson.

Still, the Bulldogs beat arch-rival Ole Miss and lost to Alabama in the last minute of 1987. So there is hope. They also return plenty of promise at quarterback. Sophomore Eric Underwood did not start last year but played well enough as a reserve to earn the No. 1 spot. The 6-2, 182-pounder is so solid that Albert Williams, who started early last year, was moved to defensive back in the spring.

Junior Mike Davis (60 of 129 passes for 779 yards, but only two touchdowns and nine interceptions) started six of 10 games last year. He was a

former walk-on who played behind record-setter Don Smith two years ago. He will play behind Underwood this year.

Underwood completed an impressive 48 of 83 passes for 582 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

The offense will be helped tremendously if running back David Fair can return from knee surgery. In three games he gained 251 yards before suffering the injury. Senior Hank Phillips holds the No. 1 job going into the season. He came on after Fair's injury with 848 yards and eight touchdowns.

The skill positions are in particularly good shape. Fullback Jerrod Young is back. So are talented wide receivers Darrell Kenneybrew and Fred Hadley, either of whom could receive all-conference consideration.

A pleasant surprise in the spring was Tony Robertson, a tackle last year who moved to center.

The defense is loaded with experience. Only two sophomores are slated to start, but one of those—cornerback Eddie Myles—started last season. The other is outside linebacker Trenell Edwards, who might help make up for the loss to graduation of Cedric Corse. At the other outside linebacker spot, Darren Martin is an all-conference candidate.

Despite the veterans, room will be made for two impressive junior college transfers—tackles Derrell Robertson and Demetrius Hill. Both could start, with one perhaps moving to linebacker.

The key to the defense could be nose guard Anthony Butts. The 6-4, 273-pound senior has never quite reached the level coaches had hoped. This might be the year. ■ —Thomas O'Toole

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Major Independents

THE BALANCE OF POWER HAS shifted in college football the past 15 years, away from the conferences to the independents.

Jimmy Johnson has assembled another superb group of athletes at Miami, which is trying to become the first team to win back-to-back consensus national championships since Oklahoma did it in 1955 and '56.

The nation's independents have won six national football championships since 1976—Pitt (1976), Notre Dame (1977), Penn State (1983), Miami (1984), Penn State (1986), and Miami (1987).

The 1988 national championship could be decided on September 3, when Miami and Florida State get together at the Orange Bowl.

The independents have a leading Heisman Trophy candidate in Penn State halfback Blair Thomas. South Carolina quarterback Todd Ellis and Florida State running back Sammie Smith also have to be considered among the contenders for this year's award.

In addition to Miami and Florida State, the independents boast potential Top 20 teams in Pitt, Penn State, and West Virginia, where Major Harris has the physical tools to blossom into one of the nation's premier quarterbacks.

This promises to be another banner season for the nation's independents.

Akron

Suffering from growing pains, the University of Akron enters its second year as a Division I-A independent. The Zips, led by head coach Gerry Faust, left behind the Ohio Valley Conference and years of success as a Division I-AA program and dove headlong into what Faust calls "big-time competition." Goodbye Morehead State, hello Temple. Goodbye Austin Peay, hello Auburn.

Last year, Faust's second in Akron after a stint at Notre Dame, the Zips tumbled to 4-7, but that was to be expected.

"We're really moving quickly into big-time Division I football," Faust said. "Last year would have been a rebuilding process even if we were in Division I-AA. We only had seven seniors on the football team. We did pretty well, I thought. We did better than I thought we would do."

Taking the step upward from Division I-AA to I-A may not look like much on paper, but on the field...

"It's such a big jump," Faust said. "The level of competition is very different. On some days a Division I-AA team can beat a Division I-A team, but to develop a consistent, competitive program at this level takes awhile."

How long?

"I'd say five years," Faust said. "And when I sit down and analyze things, I think we're way ahead of schedule."

He hopes so, anyway, because this year's schedule is even more difficult than last year's. Akron added six new opponents, including Auburn—on the road. The Zips also added New Mexico,

Arkansas State, Long Beach State, Fullerton State, and New Mexico State.

But they'll be better prepared this season, as they return 22 players who started at least one game last year. The offensive backfield returns intact, though the returnees will be pushed by quality newcomers. Back is junior quarterback Andy Kubiki (1,675 yards, 10 TDs, 13 interceptions), but he'll be challenged by junior college transfer Mike Johnson and freshman Bruce Keys. Also back are leading rushers Derek Alston (689 yards) and John Motton, both juniors. They'll be pushed by Proposition 48 casualties Doug Lewis and Ozzie Jackson. Leading the blocking will be senior tackle John Buddenberg (6-5, 255).

Nine defensive starters return, including strong safety Robert Lyons, the school's first Division I-A All-American a year ago, safety Chris Frowner (111 tackles), and cornerback Gary Tyler (four intercep-

1987 Final Records

School	W	L	T
Miami (Fla.) ^a	12	0	0
Syracuse ^b	11	0	1
Florida State ^c	11	1	0
South Carolina ^d	8	4	0
Notre Dame ^e	8	4	0
Penn State ^f	8	4	0
Pittsburgh ^g	8	4	0
Rutgers	6	5	0
Southern Mississippi	6	5	0
Southwestern Louisiana	6	5	0
Tulane ^h	6	6	0
West Virginia ⁱ	6	6	0
Memphis State	5	5	1
Northern Illinois	5	5	1
Army	5	6	0
Boston College	5	6	0
East Carolina	5	6	0
Akron	4	7	0
Cincinnati	4	7	0
Temple ^j	4	7	0
Louisville	3	7	1
Tulsa	3	8	0
Navy	2	9	0
Virginia Tech	2	9	0

a) Miami defeated Oklahoma 20-14 in the Orange Bowl.

b) Syracuse tied with Auburn 16-16 in the Sugar Bowl.

c) Florida State defeated Nebraska 31-28 in the Fiesta Bowl.

d) South Carolina lost to Louisiana State 30-13 in the Gator Bowl.

e) Notre Dame lost to Texas A&M 35-10 in the Cotton Bowl.

f) Penn State lost to Clemson 35-10 in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

g) Pitt lost to Texas 32-27 in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

h) Tulane lost to Washington 24-12 in the Independence Bowl.

i) West Virginia lost to Oklahoma State 35-33 in the Sun Bowl.

j) Temple was awarded a forfeit victory vs. Houston.

tions). Leading tackler Mike Rahach (137 tackles), a junior, returns at linebacker, as does Mike Felsoci.

"We're going to be much better this year," Faust said. "The biggest differences will be depth, maturity, and experience. We didn't have any of that last year. But even though we'll be better, our

schedule is twice as tough. If we go 6-5, I'll be elated.

"Going 4-7 last year was kind of frustrating, but I knew it was coming so it really didn't bother me. This year we had the best spring I've ever had. The kids are enthusiastic and intense. They've been working hard and having fun. It takes awhile to build a tradition in Division I-A, but I think we're on our way."

Army

It wasn't just wishful thinking on Jim Young's part when he installed the Wishbone four years ago.

"We knew that it was a perfect fit for the type of players we get at Army," said Young. "You don't need the really big offensive linemen to blow people away. The Wishbone is built on execution, not power."

The Cadets have had a powerful running attack with the Wishbone, leading the country in rushing in 1984. They were second in '85, sixth in '86, and fifth last season with an average of 298 yards.

The man who makes the Wishbone go is the quarterback, and the Cadets don't have an experienced quarterback heading into '88. The leading candidates to replace Troy Crawford are senior Mark Mooney, sophomore Otto Leone, and junior Bryan Babb. All three saw limited action last season when Crawford was injured.

If he's healthy, Mooney, plagued by a foot problem during the spring, appears to have the inside track for the job. He completed 10 of 18 passes for 110 yards. Leone's only completion in two attempts last season was a 64-yard touchdown against Temple. Babb, who has recovered from cancer, rushed for more than 100 yards against Boston College.

The quarterback won't be the only new face in Army's offense; just three starters return from last year's 5-6 team.

The Cadets won't be short on running backs, however. Sophomore halfback Mike Mayweather (762 yards) and junior fullback Ben Barnett (545 yards) both return from productive seasons.

The other returnee is wide receiver Sean Jordan, a 5-8, 165-pound junior who caught 13 passes for 292 yards and three touchdowns. The tight end will be 6-4, 250-pound senior Ed Schultz, who played tackle in 1987.

Spearheading the defense will be a trio of experienced linebackers: Greg Gadson, Charles Schretzman, and Troy Lingley. Gadson had 10 tackles for losses last season, and Lingley was the team's leading tackler with 107.

The secondary has to be rebuilt, but the Cadets will still have some experience there with Earnest Boyd, Yale Peebles, O'Neal Miller, and Darryl Scherb.

Punter Bit Rambusch (40.4 yards per punt) and placekicker Keith Walker (10 of 12 field goals) both return.

Boston College

The Eagles have two important ingredients for a high-powered attack: a strong-armed quarterback and a shifty halfback.

The quarterback is Mike Power, a 6-2, 182-pound senior who ranked 11th nationally last season when he completed 133 of 233 passes for 2,071 yards and 10 touchdowns. He was intercepted only nine times.

The halfback is Jim Bell, a 6-1, 202-pound fifth-



Sammie Smith, a track and field sprinter, is Florida State's top rusher.

year senior who led the team in '87 with 1,015 yards on 213 carries despite missing two games because of injury. He also was the third-leading receiver with 19 catches for 182 yards and a TD.

Bell will be backed up by Tim Frager (228 yards rushing) and Mike Sanders (203). The fullback will be 227-pound Jon Bronner, a short-yardage specialist and a fierce blocker.

Power's passing targets this season will be senior split end Tom Waddle (43 receptions, 781 yards) and senior flanker Marcus Cherry (eight catches, 174 yards). Also expected to contribute are Ray Hilvert and junior college transfer Jim Deines.

The front wall will be bolstered by the return of guard Joe Wolf (6-6, 284), who missed eight games last year after breaking his ankle against Penn State. Wolf, an All-East performer in 1986, has the potential to be a high pick in the NFL draft if he has an outstanding senior season.

Boston College's defense welcomes back end Eric Lindstrom (6-3, 230), an All-East performer two years ago who sat out 1987 after undergoing knee surgery. Lindstrom, who ran a 4.65 in the 40 before the injury, had 9½ sacks in 1986. Junior Kevin Pearson, who replaced Lindstrom last season, will be at the other end.

The Eagles are solid at tackle with returnees Peter Gray (6-3, 244) and Mark Murphy (6-5, 265). But they'll miss All-America linebacker Bill Romanowski, who had a school-record 156 tackles last season. The leading candidate to replace him is Matt Kelley, an active 6-2, 235-pound junior. Either Ron Perryman or Mike Saylor will be in the starting lineup alongside Kelley.

The leader in the secondary will be cornerback Steve Williams, a fifth-year senior. Brian Williams (no relation) will be at the other corner position, and Ed Duran and Rico Labbe will be the safeties.

With 12 returning starters, BC should at least turn around last year's 5-6 record.

Florida State

They still talk about The Point at Florida State, referring to a failed two-point conversion try against Miami that cost the Seminoles a national championship.

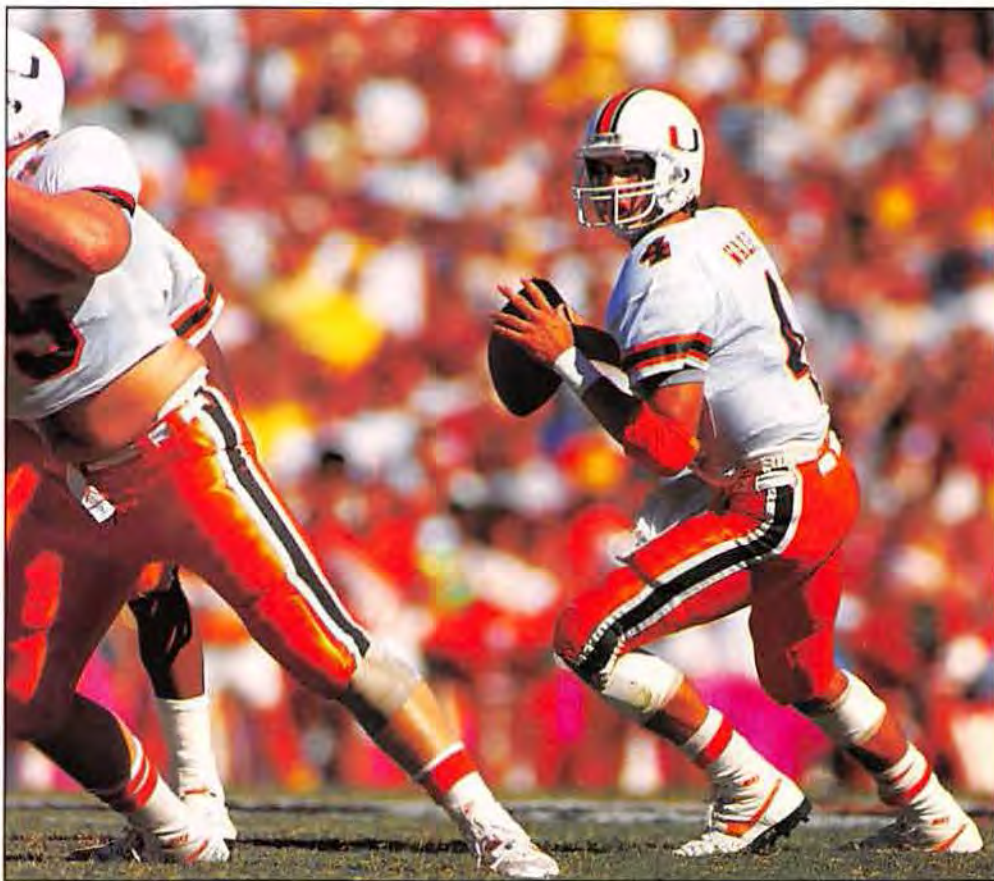
Bobby Bowden, FSU's offensive-minded coach, welcomes back 13 starters from the team that lost to Miami, 26-25. The Seminoles have a Heisman Trophy candidate in running back Sammie Smith, an Outland Trophy candidate in offensive tackle Pat Tomberlin, and an All-America cornerback in Deion Sanders.

These Seminoles are loaded for another run at the national championship.

They also have the forgotten man at quarterback, Chip Ferguson, who has disappeared since being named the MVP of the 1982 Gator Bowl as a freshman. He has spent the past couple of seasons in the shadow of Danny McManus, who passed for nearly 2,000 yards last season as the Seminoles ranked second nationally in scoring (40.9 points a game) and third in total offense (487 yards a game).

Ferguson played sparingly in 1987, completing 26 of 44 passes for 335 yards and three touchdowns.

"He's the guy everybody else is going to have to beat out," said Bowden, who is looking for Ferguson to be challenged by a pair of redshirt freshmen, Casey Weldon and Brad Johnson.



Steve Walsh may someday be included in the list of great Miami quarterbacks.



Strong-armed quarterback Mike Power leads the Boston College air attack.

FSU's most feared weapon is the 6-2, 220-pound Smith, who exploded last season to set school records for rushing yards in a season (1,230) and 100-yard games (seven). He averaged 7.1 yards per carry and scored 11 of his 13 touchdowns on runs of 20 or more yards. The speedy junior skipped spring

drills to defend his Metro Conference titles in the 100 and 200 meters.

Fullback Dayne Williams (230 pounds) doesn't carry the ball often but scored 15 touchdowns because he's the player the Seminoles go to when they get close to the goal line.

Williams and Smith will be running through holes created by the 300-pound Tomberlin, a senior who has started every game the past two years. Thanks largely to the massive Tomberlin, FSU quarterbacks were sacked only six times in 1987.

"He's the best tackle in the country," Bowden said of Tomberlin.

The focus of the passing attack will be junior flanker Ronald Lewis, a big-play receiver with 23 catches and four touchdowns last season. The split end will be Terry Anthony (11 catches, 137 yards).

The first name to pop up on the defense is Sanders, a brilliant senior who holds the school records for season and career punt return yardage and had five interceptions last season. Junior tackle Eric Hayes (79 tackles, four sacks) and senior strong safety Stan Shiver are also exceptional.

Nose guard Odell Haggins (eight sacks) has a nose for the football, but the Seminoles will be inexperienced at linebacker with Keith Carter and Kelvin Smith getting their first starting assignments.

Bowden must find a placekicker to take over for all-time NCAA scoring leader Derek Schmidt, who had 116 points last season.

Scoring points, though, never has been difficult for a team coached by Bowden.

Louisville

The Cardinals return 45 lettermen from last season's 3-7-1 team, so the potential for improvement is obviously there. The question is, how much improvement?

"Obviously we will have more experience and



Guard Mark Stepnoski provides muscle on the Pittsburgh offensive line.

depth than at any time since we have been here," says fourth-year coach Howard Schnellenberger. "I think we have the chance to be a much more consistent football team. And if we can make major improvement defensively, as I think we will, I'm convinced we will be a better team than we were a year ago."

But while Schnellenberger is talking defense, most Cardinal fans will have offense on their minds—with senior quarterback Jay Gruden as the focal point. Gruden already holds or shares six school passing records, and is on target to wind up as one of the most prolific quarterbacks in Louisville history. "Had he played at a Miami, a Stanford, or an Illinois, where a team throws the ball a reasonable amount of time, you'd be reading things about All-America and possible Heisman Trophy about Jay," Schnellenberger said.

Gruden will get some help from running back Deon Booker (135 carries, 671 yards, four TDs), the team's leading rusher last year. Receivers George Williams, Joey Hamilton, and Anthony Cummings, who combined for 1,275 yards in receptions in '87, all return, along with three starters on the offensive line.

Defensively, the major improvement that Schnellenberger spoke of is a distinct possibility. Ten starters return, including linebacker Chris Sellars, the team's leading tackler in '87.

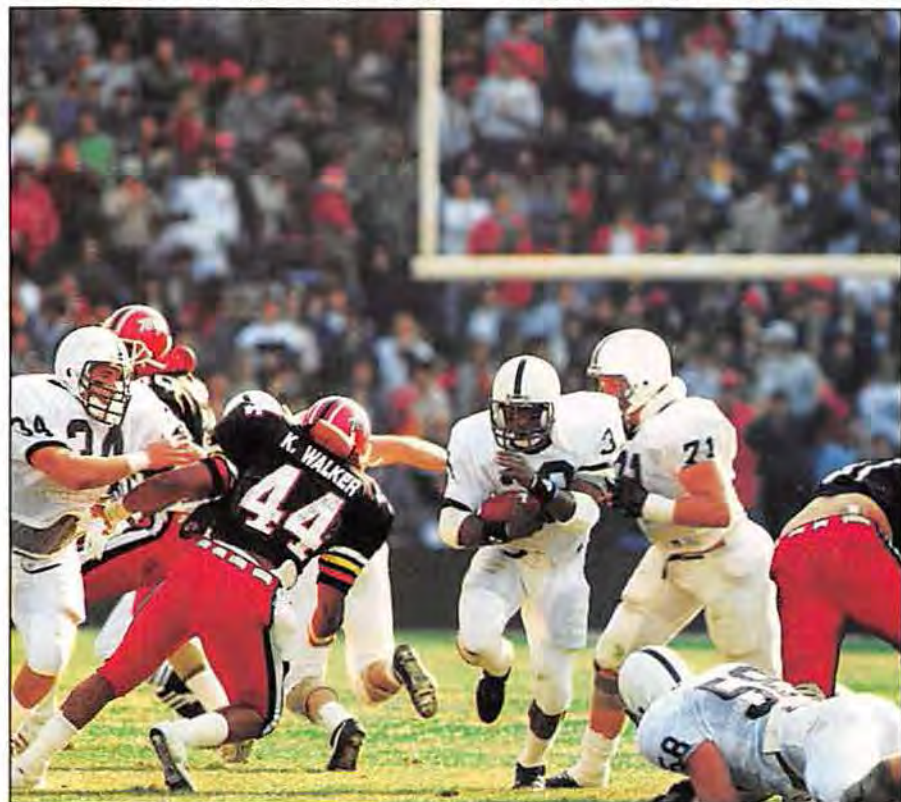
Miami

What can the Hurricanes do for an encore? All they did last season was go 12-0 and beat Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl to win the national championship.

"The way to improve on a 12-0 national championship is to repeat—win it again," said coach Jimmy Johnson. "We'll have a big drop off in experience, but there's still an awful lot of talent on this football team."

Miami lost many quality athletes from last year's team, but Johnson doesn't ever rebuild. He simply retools. And these Hurricanes have the nucleus to produce another powerhouse.

Miami has won 32 straight regular-season games, 17 straight at home and 19 straight on the



Thomas' recovery from knee surgery will be carefully monitored at Penn State.

road. The Hurricanes have been to four consecutive New Year's Day bowl games and are 41-8 in Johnson's four seasons.

Only the names change at Miami.

Steve Walsh is the latest in a long line of outstanding quarterbacks that includes Bernie Kosar, Jim Kelly, and Vinny Testaverde. Walsh (2,249 yards, 19 TDs) quietly got the job done last year. He threw only seven interceptions and had 93 consecutive attempts without an interception.

Walsh, a junior, is bigger and stronger this year and has the credentials to join his illustrious predecessors.

Taking the pressure off Walsh's passing will be a bevy of splendid running backs, led by flashy Leonard Conley (423 yards) and powerful Cleveland Gary. The 5-9, 170-pound Conley used his 4.6 speed to become the school's all-time leading freshman rusher. Gary, a 226-pound senior, is a package of power just waiting to be unleashed.

The receivers are untested but talented. Split end Andre Brown had three catches for 18 yards and two touchdowns last season, and Dale Dawkins had two receptions for 20 yards. The tight end is sophomore Rob Chudzinski.

The most experienced area on offense is the line, where center Rod Holder, tackle John O'Neil, and guard Mike Sullivan (6-4, 274) are veterans.

The Hurricanes are stocked on defense, led by senior linebacker Rod Carter, a hard-hitting 230-pounder with 4.8 speed. Other standouts are end Bill Hawkins, a devastating pass-rusher, tackles Jimmie Jones and Greg Mark, linebacker Randy Shannon, and cornerback Bubba McDowell.

"This team expects to win," said Johnson. "They know how to win and they know how to work to prepare themselves for winning."

Navy

Navy, ground-locked a year ago, will go more to the air in 1988. But that doesn't mean coach Elliot Uzelac will abandon the Wishbone.

"We're going to try to develop a better passing attack to give us some versatility," said Uzelac. "Teams were ganging up on our running game last year."

The Midshipmen threw for just 746 yards last season as they went 2-9. Quarterback Alton Grizzard started the final seven games and led the team in rushing with 519 yards. The 5-11, 181-pound sophomore also set a school record for most yards rushing by a quarterback in a season. He will be challenged by Gary McIntosh, who sat out last season after transferring from Maryland.

Grizzard completed only 41% of his passes in 1987 for 490 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Whoever does the throwing will be looking in the direction of wideouts Jon Neumann, Carl Jordan, and Shane Smith. Tight end Kevin Voss presents a big target at 6-4 and has the speed to go deep.

The running game will be entrusted to James Bradley (426 yards), who will be moved from halfback to fullback. Jason Pace, Luther Archer, and Chris Venezia will battle for the opening at halfback.

The offensive line returns only one starter, senior guard Tim Hofacre. The only other lettermen are Willis Herweyer and Mike Sweeney.

Uzelac faces a rebuilding task with the defensive line, but he won't have to worry about the secondary, which returns cornerbacks Larry Dickinson and Daron Fullwood and free safety Bart LaRocca



An injury may keep Siragusa [98] from joining Grossman on the Pitt defense.

from a unit that ranked fifth in the country in pass defense.

The linebacking corps is solid with senior Mark Pimpo, the team leader with 139 tackles in 1987, and Ray Worthington. Senior tackle Troy Holland and senior middle guard Mike Jimenez are the only veterans up front.

Placekicker Ted Fundoukos set a school record last year by making 10 consecutive field goals, and he was perfect on all 12 of his extra point attempts.

Notre Dame

Expectations are always high at Notre Dame.

"Our objective for 1988 is perfection," said coach Lou Holtz. "Anything short of that is unsatisfactory."

The Irish return 11 starters from last year's 8-4 team that finished with three straight losses, including a 35-10 setback against Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

"My first year we felt we could win. Last year we reached the point where we knew we could win," said Holtz. "Now we must reach the point where we expect to win."

To win against a grueling schedule that includes defending national champion Miami, the Irish will have to find a way to replace the 1,800 yards produced by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, the all-purpose flanker.

Mark Green, the team's top rusher last season with 861 yards, is back at tailback after a brief spring experiment at flanker. Sophomore Ricky Watters (373 yards) wound up making the move from tailback to flanker instead.

Moving Watters, though, wasn't the only major personnel move by Holtz. Andy Heck, who played tight end last year, will play at tackle this year to help ease the loss of four linemen from the 1987

team. Only guard Jeff Pearson started last season.

Holtz could afford to take Watters out of the backfield because the Irish are blessed with a host of exciting runners in Green, Tony Brooks (262), Anthony Johnson (366), and Braxton Banks (212).

"The key to our offense," said Holtz, "is to find a quarterback to run it."

Tony Rice gets the slight nod over Kent Graham in the battle at quarterback. Rice, most dangerous when he's scrambling, completed 42% of his passes for 663 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 337 yards and seven touchdowns. Graham is more of a drop-back passer.

But the offense isn't expected to carry the load for the Irish.

"Until we become dominant on defense, we're just whistling in the dark," Holtz said. "On defense is where it all happens."

The Irish hope that linebacker John Foley can improve the pass rush, which was one of the weaknesses in 1987. They are deep at linebacker, with Ned Bolcar and Wes Pritchett, the team's leading tacklers a year ago. Tackle Tom Gorman will be surrounded by newcomers this season.

The secondary boasts cornerback Stan Smagala and strong safety George Streeter.

"We're getting closer to where we want to be," said Holtz, "but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Penn State

The Nittany Lions are faced with a lot of ifs heading into 1988, the biggest concerning the condition of Blair Thomas, the splendid running back who underwent knee surgery.

They also don't have a proven quarterback, and they received some bad news when the NCAA ruled that wide receiver Ray Roundtree, last year's leading pass-catcher, was ineligible for a fifth season.

No wonder Joe Paterno is taking a cautious approach to the '88 season.

"I think people have to be realistic," said Paterno, who has never had a losing record in his 22 years at Penn State. "This team is going to be young. It's going to struggle. It's going to have to get some things done just on sheer intensity."

They're going to have to get things done offensively with a new quarterback. The early favorite to start is Tony Bill, who played sparingly last season. He will be challenged by Lance Loneragan and Doug Sieg, with highly touted freshman Tony Sacca a longshot in the quarterback derby.

But the quarterback spot isn't the only question mark on offense. Thomas, whose 1,414 yards rushing last season was the third most ever by a Penn State back, skipped spring drills after undergoing knee surgery.

Thomas is the most explosive running threat on the roster, but senior fullback John Greene (473 yards rushing) is tough to bring down, and sophomore tailbacks Leroy Thompson and Gary Brown (273 yards) will have to wait their turns.

The backs will be running behind a powerful offensive line that features senior guard Steve Wisniewski and center Roger Duffy.

"We've got a lot of work to do," said Paterno, "but I think we have a lot of talented players to work with. All we need is time to get everybody working together."

Defensively, the Nittany Lions return nose tackle Aoatua Polamalu, linebackers Scott Gob and Keith Karpinski, safety Brian Chizmar, and cornerback Eddie Johnson.

Chizmar, a 205-pound junior, led the team in tackles with 75 and interceptions with three.

Paterno is expecting major contributions from a good crop of freshmen, including linebacker Eric Renkey, running back Rob Samuels, defensive lineman Anthony Matesic, and tight end John Gerak.

"We're not going to rush anybody," said Paterno. "We think we've got some good young players, but we're looking for the older kids to be the leaders of this team. I think we'll be OK in time."

Pittsburgh

Mike Gottfried really doesn't know what to expect from his football team. But he knows the 1988 Panthers will have a different look from the '87 club that featured the rambling rushes of Craig (Ironhead) Heyward.

The 270-pound Heyward, the nation's second-leading rusher with 1,655 yards, hooked up with an agent and opted for the NFL rather than return for his senior season. Last year he ran through, around, and over would-be tacklers to rush for more than 100 yards each game.

Heyward carried the offensive load on his broad shoulders, lugging the ball 35 times per game in Gottfried's conservative game plan.

"We'll open things up a little more without him," said Gottfried. "We'll get more people involved in the offense."

All eyes at Pitt are on Brian Davis. The former high school All-America running back flashed some of his potential as a freshman, but he hasn't played since 1985, when he rushed for 298 yards on 60 carries and scored three touchdowns. He was academically suspended in Gottfried's first season at Pitt and last year enrolled in junior college.

"It will be interesting to see what he looks like," Gottfried said of the 212-pound speedster.

Gottfried also is interested to see who winds up at quarterback, Darnell Dickerson or Larry Wanke. Gottfried spent the spring taking a long look at Wanke because Dickerson was still recovering from knee surgery. Wanke's stock rose with a strong performance in a 32-27 loss to Texas in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Pitt (8-4) posted its first winning season and made its first trip to a bowl since 1983.

The Panthers received a jolt in the spring when senior defensive tackle Tony Siragusa reinjured his knee, which may sideline him for '88. If Siragusa isn't available, Pitt's tackles will be Marc Spindler and redshirt freshman Richard Allen. Spindler is the top returning tackler with 106.

Also returning from one of the nation's premier defenses is end Burt Grossman, linebacker Jerry Olsavsky, and free safety Troy Washington. Sophomore Louis Riddick, who was moved to running back last season, will return to the secondary and should provide help.

The Panthers will be strengthened by several blue-chip recruits who could make an immediate impact: linebackers Curtis Bray and Mike Chalenski and cornerback Baron Jackson.

The offensive line features All-America guard Mark Stepnoski, the team's strongest player, guard Dean Caliguire, and tackle Chris Goetz. Pitt's receiving corps is in good hands with Reggie Williams (31 catches, 535 yards), Billy Osborn (26 receptions, 341 yards), and Hosea Heard.

Rutgers

It was no great mystery why the Scarlet Knights were only 6-5 last season. Just look at the defense, or the lack of it. Particularly against the run.

Teams ran up and down the field for nearly 250 yards per game and averaged more than 415 total yards. Seven starters return from that defense.

"I feel better about the defense than I have in the past," said coach Dick Anderson. "We have more experience than we've had in a while. We have solid players. I'm hoping for consistency."

That was before a tragic car accident in May critically injured star linebackers Bob Speidel (128 tackles) and Paul Garea. Reserve offensive lineman Bob Lawther was killed in the accident.

Half of a strong secondary is back: free safety Derek Baker and strong safety Darren Czellez (three interceptions).

"Baker is as good as you'll find," said Anderson. "He's our quarterback on defense and is a three-year starter."

There are a number of experienced defensive linemen competing for jobs. Scott Miller had 58 tackles and three quarterback sacks, Chuck Paugh started seven games, Joe Savoy had three starts, Steve Tomkins was hampered by injuries but still had two starts, and George Bankos will be coming back from a knee injury that limited his playing time a year ago.

Nose tackle Doug Kokoski, who started the entire 1986 season, will be trying to push his way back into the lineup after sitting out last year because of injuries.

The offense will be in good shape as long as quarterback Scott Erney (1,369 yards, seven TDs) remains healthy. The team's MVP in 1987, the 6-1, 200-pound junior missed two games with a knee injury.

"He's been around the block a little bit," Anderson said. "He makes good decisions. He doesn't force it. We don't keep him in the pocket all the time. He'll run with it."

The Scarlet Knights will look to tailback Henry Henderson to generate the running attack. The slippery 5-7, 165-pound junior led the team with 846 yards last season. Also back is Mike Botti.



Florida State's Deion Sanders is a returning All-America cornerback.

The receiving corps is in good hands with speedsters Eric Young (25 catches, 364 yards, four TDs) and Tyrone McQueen (22, 314). Returning starters on the line are tackles Bill Milano and Steve Tardy, guard Bill Dubiel, and center Nick Urda.

South Carolina

When you mention the Gamecocks, the first name that comes to mind is Todd Ellis, the spectacular junior quarterback who has rewritten the school's record book in just two years.

Ellis will have to shoulder even more of the offensive load in 1988 because the top four pass-catchers a year ago, including his favorite receiver, Sterling Sharpe, are gone.

Last year Ellis completed 241 of 432 passes for 3,206 yards and 20 touchdowns for the 8-4 Gamecocks. In just 23 games Ellis already holds 22 school records.

In an attempt to help Ellis cut down on the 24 interceptions he threw last season, coach Joe Morrison has scrapped the Run-and-Shoot attack for the Pro-Set. Ellis won't roll out as much and will have more time to read defensive coverages while in the pocket.

With Sharpe no longer around, the Gamecocks will rely more on Harold Green (1,022 yards rushing, 15 TDs). The versatile 6-2, 212-pound junior is also the leading returning receiver with 29 catches for 262 yards and one touchdown. His 16 TDs set a school season record.

The top candidates at wide receiver are Hardin Brown and Jones Andrews. Leading the way up front are tackle Mark Fryer and guard Calvin Stephens.

The Gamecocks return six members from last year's stingy defense that allowed just 11.8 points per game. Cornerback Robert Robinson was the team's fourth-leading tackler with 83 and was tied for second with four interceptions. Linebackers Matt McKernan and Patrick Hinton are solid against the run and can defend against the pass. The ends are Scott Windsor and Kevin Hendrix, and Kurt Wilson (6-2, 263) is at tackle.

Adding another dimension to USC's offense is sophomore placekicker Collin Mackie, who led the NCAA with 25 field goals and set a school season record with 113 points. He made all 39 of his extra point attempts and was 25 of 32 on field goal attempts.

Syracuse

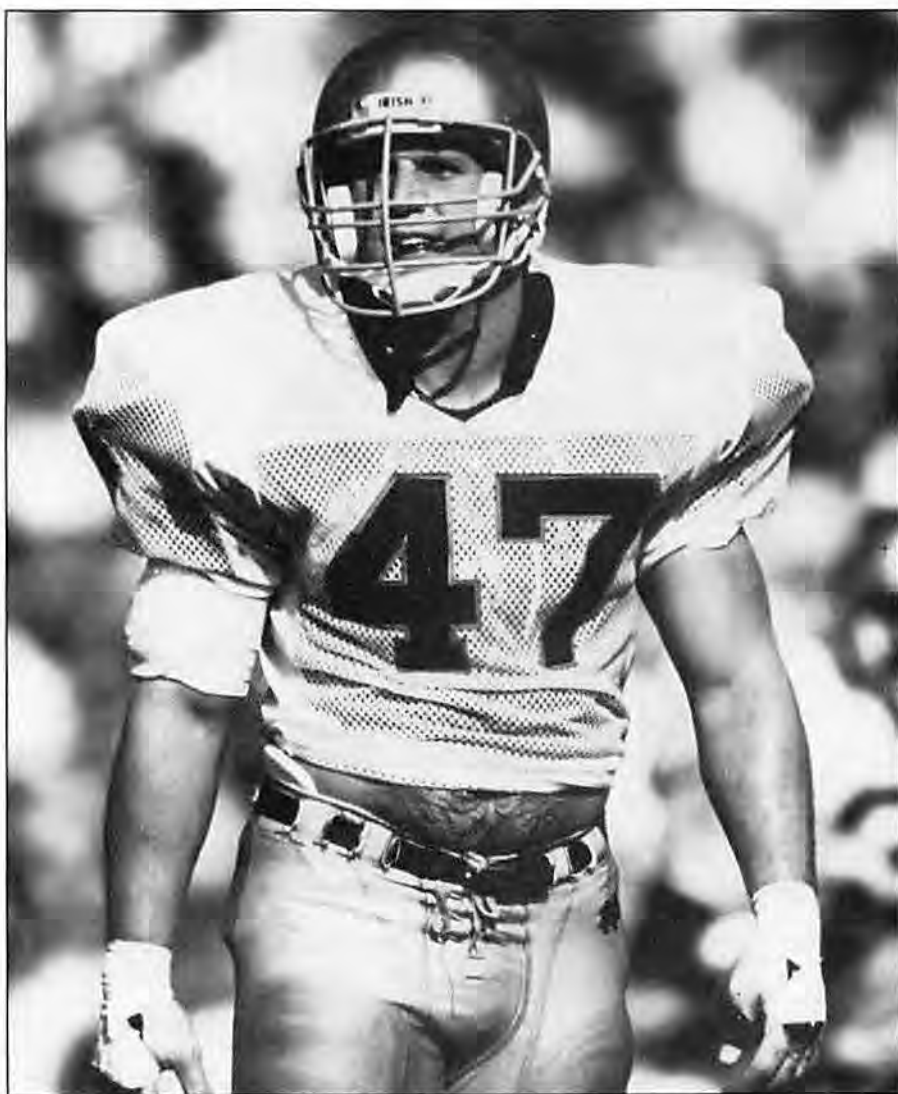
The numbers seem to be in favor of the Orangemen, but that doesn't mean they'll add up to another Cinderella season.

Although 15 starters are back from last year's 11-0-1 team that is still seething over a 16-16 tie against Auburn in the Sugar Bowl, Syracuse has two major question marks that dampen the optimism.

Can Don McPherson be replaced? Can Tommy Kane be replaced?

McPherson, the do-everything quarterback, and Kane, the spectacular wide receiver, hooked up on numerous game-breaking plays last season. McPherson, who holds most of the school's passing records, ran out of eligibility, and Kane decided to forego his senior year to play in the NFL.

The task of trying to make Syracuse fans forget McPherson will belong to either Todd Philcox or Bill Scharr, a pair of quarterbacks used only seldomly last season.



Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz [below] is high on his team's linebacking corps, led by Ned Bolcar [above].

Syracuse coach Dick MacPherson probably will rely heavily on his ground game because the Orangemen feature a behemoth offensive line and a bevy of hard-running backs. Up front Syracuse has guards John Flannery (6-3, 268) and Blake Bednarz (6-3, 290) and tackles Turnell Sims (6-3, 275) and Craig Stoeppal (6-4, 281).

Halfback Robert Drummond (746 yards) and fullback Daryl Johnston (564 yards) are the top returning rushers, but they're going to have to make room for Michael Owens, who could be on the verge of stardom. In limited playing time a year ago, the 215-pound Owens picked up 532 yards on 88 carries and had nine receptions for 147 yards and two touchdowns.

The top returning receiver is Deval Glover (20 catches, 369 yards).

The defense returns eight of last year's starters, led by All-America free safety Paul Markus, a 6-2, 197-pound senior who has started every game since he came to Syracuse. Markus, a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award in 1987, had five interceptions last season to give him 15 for his career, three shy of the school record.

Markus is the leader of a well-seasoned pack of defensive backs—Chris Ingram, David Holmes, and Jeff Mangren. Linebacking will be a strong area with Perry Wooden, David Bavaro, and Keith Friberg back for another year. Bavaro was the leading tackler last season with 102. The lone





WVU coach Nehlen says that Harris 'can throw the ball from here to Pittsburgh.'

returning starter on the offensive line is tackle Rob Burnett.

In addition to finding a quarterback and receiver, the Orangemen are in the market for a placekicker to replace record-holding Tim Vesling. The player on the spot will be Kevin Greene.

Temple

Temple coach Bruce Arians already has the date circled: September 10. That's when the Owls play Alabama at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.

"That will be Todd McNair's biggest day," said Arians. "He hooks up with Bobby Humphrey. I hope the game's on ESPN."

The game could be a showcase for McNair, a 6-2, 190-pound senior who rushed for 1,058 yards and six touchdowns and caught 18 passes for 112 yards despite missing two games with a sprained foot.

"I would have to think that McNair and Humphrey should be the highest-rated backs in country," said Arians, whose Owls were 4-7 in 1987. "McNair should be the best back in the East. Todd has versatility, he has speed, he has it all. And he's a heck of a receiver."

McNair has 4.5 speed to get him outside and the muscle to power up the middle.

"He'll try to make people miss him first," said Arians. "Then he drops a shoulder and goes right at you."

Arians' game plan is simple this season: Get the ball into McNair's hands as often as possible.

"We hope he can win the all-purpose title," he said. "We want to get him the football in the air more and get him the ball a little more outside on option. If I had the perfect number of times I'd like him to get the ball, I'd say 25-26 times."

The Owls could have two McNairs in the

backfield, with redshirt freshman Scott at fullback.

"We're looking forward to having them in there together," said Arians.

Junior tailback Ventres Stephenson, who missed 10 games last season with a knee injury, should be available in the fall after sitting out spring practice. Nelson Herrera will get the first crack at the fullback job.

"The key to this team could be the quarterback," said Arians, who expects sophomore Matt Baker to come out on top over Tony Lerro and Mike Milne. "Matt is the kind of player who gets everybody pumped up."

Rich Drayton (18 catches, 286 yards) and Mike Palys give the Owls a pair of game-breakers at wideout. Sophomore Fred Gunter is a speed-burner who could make his presence felt.

The offensive line must be rebuilt around guard Pete Bernard, the only returning starter.

There will be many new faces on defense, which returns four-year starter Joe Greenwood at cornerback, John Armstrong at free safety, Anthony Tezsla at linebacker, and Andy Pappalardo at end.

Palys is a dangerous kickoff returner who set the school record with 37 returns for 718 yards in 1987. Bill Wright made 16 of 29 field goal attempts, including a 52-yarder against Florida.

"If we stay healthy, which we didn't do last year," said Arians, "we'll be a good football team. I definitely think we'll be better than last year."

Tulane

Tulane had a crowd-pleasing football team in 1987, capable of bringing the fans to their feet with big plays. The Green Wave put points on the scoreboard in bunches. But they gave up points almost as quickly.

First-year coach Greg Davis inherits 14 starters, plus both kickers, from last year's 6-5 squad. The biggest loss is wide receiver Marc Zeno, the NCAA career leader in receiving yardage.

"No one will take his place," said Davis, who coached the receivers the past couple years, "but we have a number of players we feel comfortable with."

One-half of last year's potent passing combination returns—quarterback Terrance Jones, a versatile 6-1, 207-pound senior. Last season he completed 60% of his passes for 2,551 yards and 20 touchdowns, and he rushed for 383 yards and eight touchdowns.

"Jones will be as fine a quarterback as there is in the country this season," said Davis. "He's matured from a great athlete into a great option quarterback."

Jones will spread his passes around more this season, looking for increased production from Maurice Nelson and James Toney. The 5-9, 160-pound Nelson is a speedster who had 12 receptions for 218 yards and carried the ball three times on reverses for 32 yards. Toney caught 10 passes for 108 yards and returned eight kickoffs for 155 yards.

Tulane's running game will again be focused on fullbacks Melvin Adams (421 yards rushing) and Rodney Hunter (307 yards). The tailbacks will be Michael Pierce and Tony Clark.

The offensive line is solid, anchored by two-year starting tackle Jim Bishop, a bruising 280-pound senior, and guards John Ripoll and Kent Lattimore.

Youth will be served on the defensive line, where junior tackle Richard Sauter is the graybeard. The strength of the defense is at linebacker where Richard Harvey, the team's top tackler a year ago, returns. Vincent Mulmore will be pushed by highly touted recruit Pat Stant from New Orleans. The secondary is experienced and deep, led by free safety



Junior quarterback Todd Ellis already owns 22 South Carolina records.

Thurston Harrison and cornerback Mitchell Price. "This is a football team that can win some games," said Davis. "But we're not the kind of football team that will overpower people."

Virginia Tech

The Hokies may be an improved football team this season without an improved record because they face a rigorous schedule that includes six teams that went to bowl games a year ago—Syracuse, Clemson, West Virginia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Florida State.

"We'll definitely be a better football team," said coach Frank Beamer, who had a 2-9 record last year. "Our big question mark is at quarterback."

The Hokies must rebuild their passing game with the losses of quarterback Erik Chapman and tight end Steve Johnson, the team's leading receiver.

The leading candidates to replace Chapman are Chris Baucia, the only quarterback on the roster who has ever appeared in a Virginia Tech game, and Will Furrer, a promising prospect who sat out 1987 after breaking his thumb.

Baucia's experience is limited to the fourth quarter against Tulane last year when he completed both of his passes, one for a touchdown. If Baucia and Furrer don't get the job done, Beamer might turn to Cam Young, a transfer from North Carolina State who sat out 1987, or redshirt freshmen Rodd Wooten and David Walton.

"It's really tough to go into a season without any experience at quarterback," said Beamer.

The Hokies may be forced to stick to the ground, relying heavily on sophomore tailback Jon Jeffries, the team's top rusher a year ago with 599 yards. He also ranked among the nation's leaders in kickoff returns with a 25.5 average on 22 runbacks, including a 92-yard touchdown against Clemson.

The leading returning pass receiver is flanker Myron Richardson, who had 28 catches for 396 yards and four touchdowns.

Up front the Hokies have many holes to fill with the exception of tackle, where 266-pound senior Todd Grantham commands attention.

The team's strength will be on defense, which features tackle Scott Hill and linebacker Randy Cockrell, the Hokies' top two tacklers in 1987. Hill is quick off the ball and had six quarterback sacks and seven other tackles for losses.

The defense will be bolstered by the return of a trio of players who were academically ineligible last season after starting in 1986—tackle Horacio Moronta, linebacker Sean Lucas, and cornerback Mitch Dove.

Other returning starters are end Jimmy Whitten and cornerbacks John Granby and Roger Brown.

When the Hokies are on offense, they can count on placekicker Chris Kinzer, the nation's leading field goal kicker in 1986, who slumped badly last year. They need Kinzer to return to form if they hope to reach the .500 level this season.

West Virginia

The folks in Morgantown are excited about their Mountaineers, mostly because of Major Harris, the sophomore quarterback with the marquee name and the golden right arm.

Harris, a 6-1, 205-pound redshirt sophomore, blossomed in the second half of last season and carried WVU to the Sun Bowl. After a slow start when he shook off the rustiness of a year's layoff,

Harris finished with 1,200 yards passing and 615 yards rushing and accounted for 16 TDs.

"Major Harris is unique," said coach Don Nehlen. "Our kids follow him. Early last season we kind of force-fed Major our offense because we knew what he could do. For a kid who has three more years to play, he has a lot of experience."

Harris, who can throw a football 50 yards while on his knees, can turn a bad play into a big play.

"He can throw the ball from here to Pittsburgh," Nehlen said. "But his biggest gift is he has a touch on the ball, and he can drill it. A lot of quarterbacks can only drill it."

WVU won't have to rely on Harris' passing because the Mountaineers are blessed with three splendid runners in A. B. Brown, last year's leading rusher with 975 yards, Eugene Napoleon, and Undra Johnson.

"They're the best three we've ever had—no question," said Nehlen.

Fullback Craig Taylor (365 yards, six TDs) also returns.

The Mountaineers are thin in experience at the wideouts, where Grantis Bell and Calvin Phillips will battle for playing time. Tight end Keith Winn (13 catches, 184 yards) is a sure-handed receiver.

The entire starting line returns, with Kevin Koken at center, John Stroia and Bob Kovach at guard, and Brian Smider and Rick Phillips at tackle.

The defense is experienced with seven returning starters, led by linebacker Robert Pickett, the team's top tackler with 91 last season. The ball-hawking secondary features Bo Orlando, Preston Waters, and Willie Edwards.

Although WVU's defense ranked 11th nationally in total defense, the Mountaineers (6-6) lost five games in the fourth quarter.

"We got worn down," said Nehlen. "This year we have more people who can get the job done." ■

—Phil Axelrod

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Big 10

Predicted Order of Finish:

1. Iowa
2. Michigan State
3. Michigan
4. Indiana
5. Ohio State
6. Wisconsin
7. Minnesota
8. Illinois
9. Purdue
10. Northwestern

REMEMBER THE "BIG TWO"? THEY still exist, but their names are Oklahoma and Nebraska and they play in the Big 8 Conference.

The Michigan-Ohio State stranglehold on the Big 10 title was a '70s fad. Five different Big 10 schools have gone to the Rose Bowl in the last five years, and no team has won consecutive league titles since Michigan's co-championships in 1977, '78, and '79.

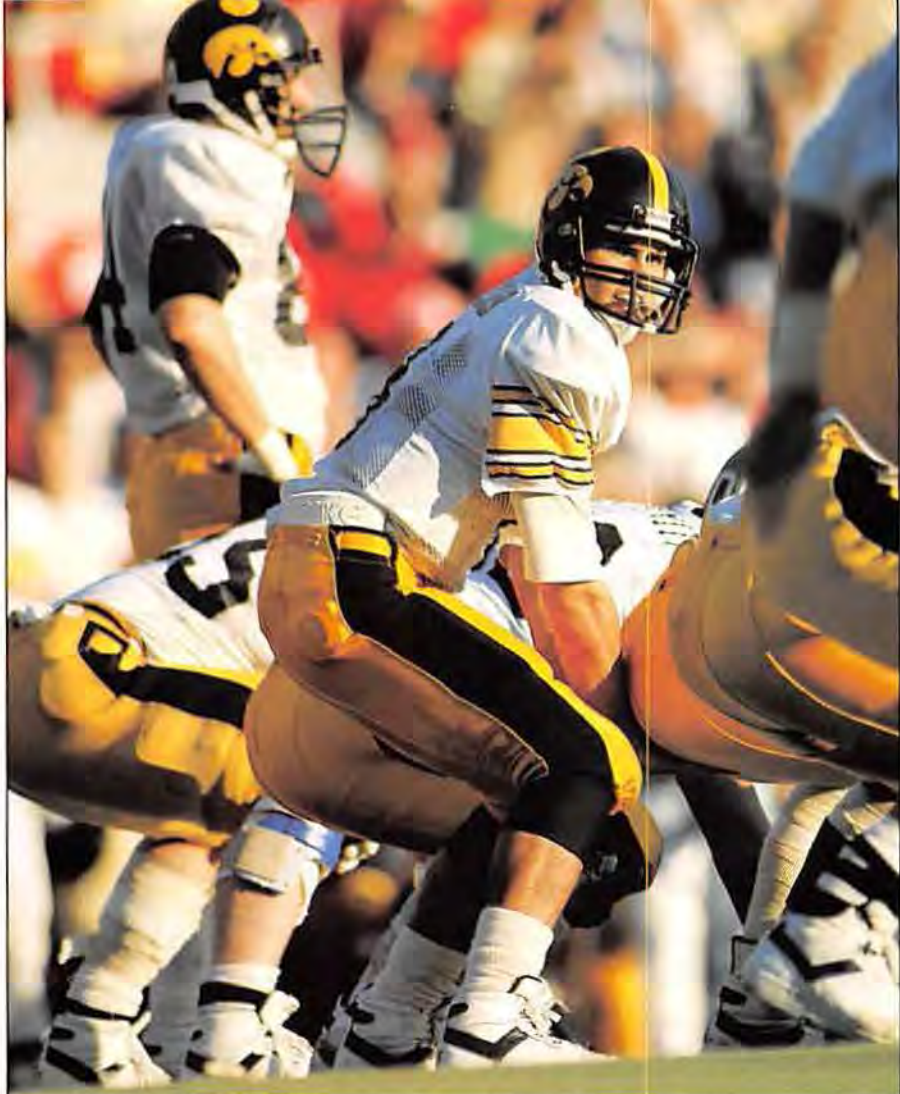
Michigan State and Indiana struck another blow for parity last season by fighting it out for the trip to Pasadena. Both will be back in the thick of the Rose Bowl race this season, along with Iowa and—yes—Michigan and Ohio State.

Iowa

Over the last seven years, Iowa has won more games (62) than any Big 10 school. "If there is still a Big Two in the Big 10," says Hawkeyes coach Hayden Fry, "we must be one of the two."

The Hawkeyes were 4-3 and going nowhere midway through last season. They finished with six straight victories, including a 20-19 conquest of Wyoming in the Holiday Bowl. With seven starters returning on both offense and defense, Iowa is poised for its third trip to the Rose Bowl under Fry.

Iowa took off last season when Chuck Hartlieb took over at quarterback. His statistics were impressive—217 completions in 334 attempts (65%) for



Largely because of Hartlieb, Iowa is favored to win the Big 10 title.

3,092 yards, 19 touchdowns, and an efficiency rating of 156.7, third best in the nation. More impressive was Hartlieb's ability to rally the Hawks—four times he led Iowa to come-from-behind victories in the fourth quarter, the most dramatic feat being a fourth-down TD pass with four seconds remaining to give Iowa a 29-27 triumph at Ohio State.

Hartlieb will throw to senior tight end Marv Cook (6-4, 243), an outstanding blocker who made 49 receptions for 803 yards a year ago. The top returning wide receiver is junior Travis Watkins (33 receptions, 534 yards, 16.2 average).

Iowa will augment its passing attack with a potent ground game. Sophomore Tony Stewart stepped in when leading rusher Kevin Harmon was sidelined by injuries and was Iowa's top tailback in Big 10 games, averaging 4.8 yards per carry. Senior fullback David Hudson plowed for 464 yards and eight touchdowns.

Anchoring the offensive line will be junior center Bill Anderson (6-3, 260), who earned All-Big 10 honors last season, and senior tackle Bob Kratch (6-4, 288), an all-league selection in '86 who was felled by a knee injury last year. Senior tackle Bob Schmitt (6-6, 252) and senior guard Greg Divis (6-3, 271) logged plenty of playing time during the latter part of '87.

Don't try to run up the middle against Iowa. That's the lair of senior nose guard Dave Haight (6-3, 285), voted the Big 10's top defensive lineman last season after making 126 tackles with six

quarterback sacks. Both starting defensive ends—seniors Joe Mott (6-4, 245) and Mike Burke (6-5, 225)—return, but the tackle spots are wide open.

Junior Brad Quast (6-2, 248) is entering his third year as a starter at linebacker. The other top returnees are sophomore Melvin Foster (6-3, 235) and senior Jim Reilly (6-2, 230).

Six veterans return in the secondary, led by junior Anthony Wright.

The departure of placekicker Rob Houghtlin, Iowa's all-time leading scorer, will be sorely felt. Junior George Murphy and freshman Jeff Skillet will try to fill the void.

Iowa is a sure bet to start strong. After years of playing a brutal nonconference schedule, Fry's Hawkeyes will take it easy this season with early games at Hawaii and Kansas State and home dates against Colorado and Iowa State. If Iowa wins an October 1 showdown at Michigan State, watch out—the Hawkeyes play both Michigan and Ohio State at home.

Michigan State

The Spartans beat Michigan in East Lansing for the first time since 1969. They handled Ohio State for the first time since 1974. They went unbeaten (7-0-1) in league play for the first time since 1966. Wonder of wonders, they even gave the Big 10 its first Rose Bowl triumph since 1981.

Yes, the Spartans savored a year of firsts in 1987. Now coach George Perles has set his sights on

1987 Big 10 Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Michigan State ^a	7	0	1	9	2	1
Iowa ^b	6	2	0	10	3	0
Indiana ^c	6	2	0	8	4	0
Michigan ^d	5	3	0	7	4	0
Ohio State	4	4	0	6	4	1
Minnesota	3	5	0	6	5	0
Purdue	3	5	0	3	7	1
Illinois	2	5	1	3	7	1
Northwestern	2	6	0	2	8	1
Wisconsin	1	7	0	3	8	0

a) Michigan State defeated USC 20-17 in the Rose Bowl.

b) Iowa defeated Wyoming 20-19 in the Holiday Bowl.

c) Indiana lost to Tennessee 27-22 in the Peach Bowl.

d) Michigan defeated Alabama 28-24 in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

another first—he wants Michigan State to become the first team to win back-to-back undisputed Big 10 titles since Duffy Daugherty's Spartan squads of 1965 and '66.

Will motivation be a problem? "Not around here it won't," growls Perles, who spent 10 years as an assistant with the Pittsburgh Steelers during their glory days. "You're talking to a guy who's been in back-to-back Super Bowls."

Two-time All-America tailback Lorenzo White is gone. But with seven starters returning on offense and eight from a dominating defensive unit, the reigning champs welcome back more talent than any Big 10 team.

Offensively, senior quarterback Bobby McAllister (71 completions in 139 attempts for 1,171 yards and six touchdowns, plus 303 yards rushing) matured rapidly after struggling early last season. His flair for making the big play will be even more vital this season.

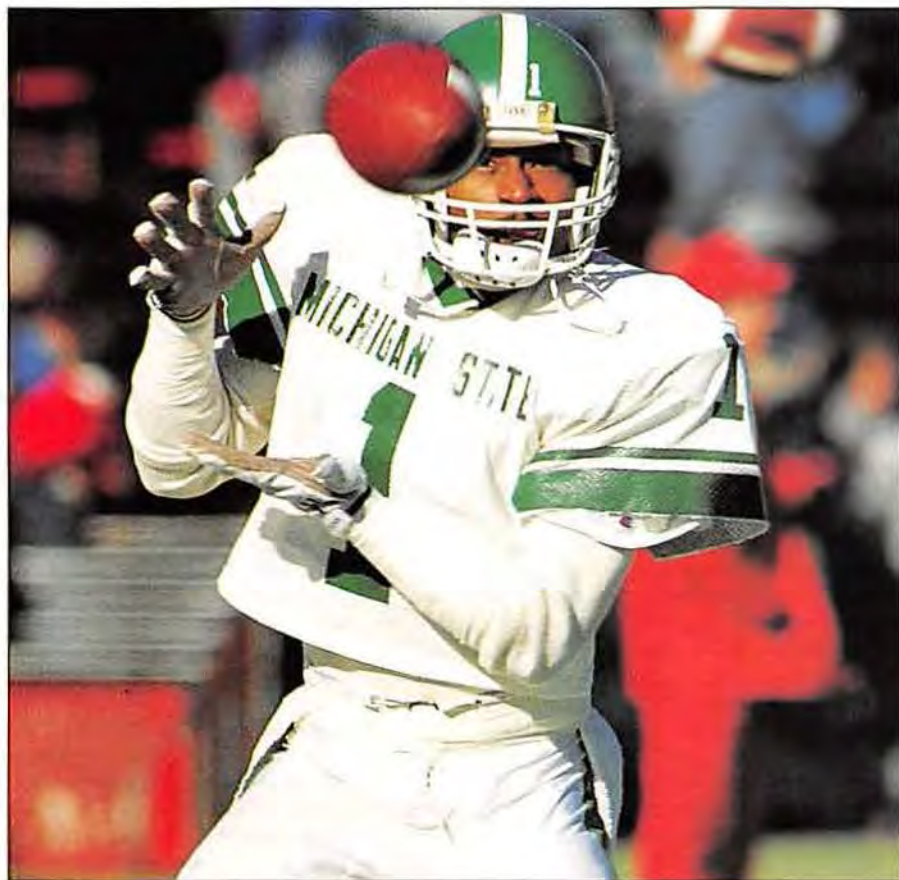
When McAllister takes to the air, he'll look for senior split end Andre Rison. The '87 honorable mention All-American (34 receptions for 785 yards, a 23.1 average) is seven catches shy of shattering Ted Jones' school record of 118 career receptions and needs 312 yards to surpass Kirk Gibson's career mark of 2,347.

True, senior Blake Ezor (617 yards in 133 attempts, 4.6 average) is no Lorenzo White. But anyone could run through the holes opened up by senior All-America tackle Tony Mandarich (6-6, 303), who combines overpowering strength with 4.7 speed in the 40. Also back from an outstanding line unit are senior guards Bob Kula (6-4, 266) and Vincent Tata (6-2, 266).

Michigan State possesses another potent weapon



Michigan's Messner is one of the top defensive linemen in the country.



Rison gives the Spartans a big-play man to go with their tough defense.

in junior placekicker John Langeloh, who scored 71 points and converted 17 of 24 field goal attempts, including 8 of 13 from 40 yards and beyond.

The defense is a replica of Perles' Steel Curtain unit in Pittsburgh. The Spartans last season ranked No. 1 in the nation against the run (61.5 yards per game overall, 37.6 in the Big 10) and No. 2 in total defense (225.6).

Middle linebacker Percy Snow (6-3, 230), a first team All-Big 10 and honorable mention All-America as a junior, heads an all-star cast. Senior strong safety John Miller tied a Big 10 record by intercepting four passes in the Spartans' victory over Michigan; senior defensive tackle Travis Davis led the Big 10 with 11 quarterback sacks and earned honorable mention All-America recognition; senior defensive end John Budde (6-4, 241) and senior outside linebacker Kurt Larson were honorable mention all-Big 10; and seniors Harlon Barnett and Derrick Reed were steady at cornerback.

Can Michigan State repeat? The Spartans will have their mettle tested in nonconference games against Notre Dame and at Florida State, and they open the league season at home against Iowa. There's certainly enough talent for a title run, if Perles can keep the Spartans healthy and hungry.

Michigan

Beware the Wolverines. Michigan "slumped" to 7-4 last season and bid farewell to tailback Jamie Morris, the school's all-time rushing leader. But the fact that the Wolves aren't preseason title favorites only makes them more dangerous in the eyes of other Big 10 coaches.

"Historically, Michigan doesn't get excited about



Schnell could make the Indiana fans forget about basketball for a while.

7-4 seasons," says Wisconsin coach Don Morton. "And under Bo, Michigan has never had back-to-back seasons that they haven't been excited about."

Bo Schembechler is excited about this season, his 20th in Ann Arbor. The Wolves coach pronounced himself "in good shape physically and mentally" during spring practice after recuperating from heart bypass surgery over the winter.

Michigan loses only two starters on offense, but oh, what a pair—tailback Morris and All-America tackle John Elliott. Juniors Allen Jefferson (259 yards before breaking his arm midway through last season), Tony Boles, and Tracy Williams will battle to fill Morris' shoes. Junior Jarrod Bunch (402 yards) will be the starting fullback.

Filling the leadership void left by Elliott on the offensive line will be senior All-Big 10 center John Vitale, whom Schembechler calls "one of the best in the nation . . . maybe the best."

All eyes are on the quarterback derby. Senior Demetrius Brown was erratic last season (80-168, 1,251 yards, 11 TDs, 16 interceptions), and Schembechler made no secret of his dissatisfaction during spring drills.

"I'm not ruling out the possibility [that the starting quarterback] could be a redshirt freshman," says Schembechler, who has thrown the job up for grabs among Brown, senior Michael Taylor and redshirts Eric Bush, Wilbur Odom, and Ken Sollum. "Bush is quick, smart, and very competitive. Odom is probably the best all-around athlete in the group. Sollum isn't as quick, but he can throw the ball."

Junior split end Greg McMurtry (a team-high 21 catches for 474 yards last season), senior flanker John Kolesar (tied for ninth on Michigan's all-time receiving list), and senior tight end Jeff Brown, give the Wolverines an excellent receiving corps.

On defense, Michigan is magnificent up front. Three starting linemen return, led by All-America tackle Mark Messner (6-3, 244). Of Messner's 69 tackles last season, 20 were for losses.

Elsewhere, the Wolves' inexperience will be hard to hide. Senior J. J. Grant (6-1, 237) is the only returning starter at linebacker, and senior cornerback David Arnold will have three new partners in the secondary.

Kicking field goals will be Mike Gillette, who in three years has converted on 39 attempts, eight more than any kicker in Michigan history.

Michigan will be tested immediately, opening the season at Notre Dame. The Wolves also must visit Iowa and Ohio State, while drawing Michigan State and Indiana at home. Beware the Wolverines.

Indiana

Twenty years had passed since the Hoosiers flexed any football muscle. Not since the storied 1967 Rose Bowl team of Harry Gonso and John Isenbarger had Indiana fans been treated to anything comparable to last season. Lo and behold, the Hoosiers avenged years of heartache and humiliation by defeating Ohio State and Michigan in the same season for the first time ever.

Unfortunately for Indiana, Michigan State also swept the league's two traditional juggernauts and trounced the Hoosiers in a late-season showdown to earn the trip to Pasadena. But Indiana's 8-4 record, second-place Big 10 finish, and berth in the Peach Bowl made it clear that a long-downtrodden program has turned the corner.

Bill Mallory isn't finished yet. The guiding light behind Indiana's resurrection has the Hoosiers' sights set on the Big 10 title. With six starters returning on offense and nine on defense, this could be the year. But Mallory knows there's still work to be done.

"We need to get more physical," says Mallory, who has won back-to-back Big 10 Coach of the Year honors. "We need to do a better job on defense against the run. And on offense we need to do a better job of running the ball."

Indiana's vulnerability against the run was demonstrated against Michigan State, when the Spartans' Lorenzo White ran the Hoosiers out of the Rose Bowl by gaining 292 yards in a 27-3 MSU victory. Offensively, the Hoosiers relied too heavily on the talents of quarterbacks Dave Schnell and Dave Kramme and wide receiver Ernie Jones.

In Schnell the Hoosiers possess perhaps the Big 10's most gifted quarterback. The 6-2 junior completed 58.5% of his passes for 1,707 yards and 13 touchdowns with only nine interceptions before missing the final three games of the regular season with appendicitis. His inconsistency was evident, however. This should be the season Schnell matures into the league's most prolific passer.

Schnell's favorite target last season—All-America wide receiver Jones—is gone, but deep threats remain in senior Tony Buford and sophomores Rob

Turner and Eddie Thomas. When a clutch catch is needed, Schnell will look for junior tight end Tim Jordan (31 receptions).

Junior tailback Anthony Thompson rushed for 1,014 yards last season despite a nagging knee injury. The offensive line, however, is a concern. Senior guards Don Shrader (6-2, 278), a first team All-Big 10 pick, and Tim Radtke (6-2, 263) are four-year starters, but replacements must be found for tackle Eric Moore and center Brian Finney.

On defense, everyone returns except second team All-America linebacker Van Waiters and cornerback Eric Hickerson. But, as Mallory notes, "we gave up a lot of yards last year." Taking over the leadership role at linebacker will be senior Willie Bates (team-high 117 tackles last season).

The line will be anchored by seniors Doug Schlereth (6-3, 255) and Dan Bauer (6-3, 250). In the secondary, senior Erik Coleman will replace Hickerson alongside junior Joe Zeigler and sophomore Mike Dumas at the other corner. Senior free safety Brian Dewitz led Indiana with five interceptions and four fumble recoveries last season.

Junior kicker Pete Stoyanovich already is Indiana's career field goal leader and is 29 points shy of becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

The Big 10 schedule favors Indiana. The Hoosiers host Iowa, Michigan State, and Ohio State while drawing Michigan on the road. Indiana will score points, but the defense must show major improvement if the Hoosiers are to make a run for the Roses.

Ohio State

It was the darkest day in Ohio State football since Woody Hayes self-destructed in the 1978 Gator Bowl. On November 14, 1987, Iowa scored a touchdown in the final seconds to hand the Buckeyes an unthinkable third loss of the season in Ohio Stadium and fourth overall in the Big 10.

It was Good-bye Columbus Day for Earle Bruce. The coach who had succeeded Hayes and compiled a league-best record of 75-22 in his first eight years was fired even before the season finale against Michigan, which Bruce and the Buckeyes won.

The new man on the spot is John Cooper, who in three years at Arizona State led the Sun Devils to a 25-9-2 record and a Rose Bowl victory. At least the cupboard isn't bare—Cooper inherits a team that returns eight starters on offense and five on defense.

Ohio State is loaded with tailbacks. There's workhorse Vince Workman, a versatile senior who carried 118 times for 470 yards and caught 26 passes last season. Then there's sophomore Carlos Snow (381 yards on 99 carries), a raw talent with superstar potential, and junior Jaymes Bryant (313 yards on 86 carries).

They will motor behind a solid offensive line led by senior center Jeff Uhlenhake (6-4, 250) and junior tackle Joe Staysniak (6-5, 282). Depth, however, will be a problem. "We don't have an abundance of big, physical linemen like most people think Ohio State has," Cooper says.

Departed quarterback Tom Tupa completed 55.4% of his passes for 1,786 yards and 12 touchdowns while doubling as punter last season. He will be difficult to replace. Strong-armed junior Greg Frey backed up Tupa last season and completed 8 of 20 tosses for 94 yards.

Senior flanker Everett Ross is back after leading the Buckeyes with 29 receptions last season, but dependable tight end Alex Higdon will be missed.



Ohio State should get a Workman-like effort out of its star tailback.

It will be strange not seeing All-America line-backer Chris Spielman patrolling the Ohio Stadium turf. Also missing on defense are linebacker Eric Kumerow and defensive backs William White, Greg Rogan, and Ray Jackson. Cooper will reconstruct the unit around senior nose guard Mike Sullivan (6-0, 238), junior tackle Mike Showalter (6-4, 260), senior linebacker Michael McCray (6-3, 232), and junior free safety David Brown.

Ohio State's schedule is murder. Three 1987 bowl teams—Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and Louisiana State—will more than prepare the Buckeyes for a nasty Big 10 slate that includes visits to Indiana, Michigan State, and Iowa.

Wisconsin

Don Morton brought an option offense from Tulsa when he took over as head coach last season, but Wisconsin's fortunes didn't veer upward. The Badgers lost eight of 11 games, including an embarrassing Homecoming loss to Northwestern. But with seven starters back on offense and his entire starting defense returning, Morton sees better days ahead.

"We had the worst possible combination last year," says Morton, who ran up a 70-24 record in eight years as head coach at Tulsa and North Dakota State. "We were a very young football team and we were implementing an entirely new offensive and defensive system."

"A lot of our games last year could have gone either way. Hopefully they will go our way in '88."

Morton plans to put more emphasis on the passing game this season.

"We brought a commitment to the option game, but we had to keep things very basic last year," he says. "With a year behind us, we will be able to expand our offense. Last year we ran 70% of the time and only passed 30. I'd like to see a 60-40 ratio of running to passing."

The quarterback will be sophomore Tony Lowery, who earned UPI Big 10 Freshman of the Year honors last season after rushing for 279 yards and completing 42 of 89 passes for 572 yards. "Tony was a pleasant surprise," Morton says.

Joining Lowery in the option backfield will be senior halfbacks Marvin Artley (955 yards, 6.5 average, 9 touchdowns), Fred Owens (197 yards), and sophomore Louis Curtis Jr. (239 yards).

The offensive line is solid at two spots with senior guard Todd Nelson (6-5, 285) and senior tackle Keith Peterson (6-5, 264), a starter in 1986 who sat out last season with an injury.

The Badgers were green on defense last season. They yielded 299 points, more than 27 per game. "There's no where to go but up," Morton says. All 11 starters return. The front line will consist of senior nose guard Chad VandeZande, senior tackle John Banaszak, and junior ends Don Davey and Dan Batsch.

Wisconsin's best defender is junior outside line-backer Dan Kissling, an All-Big 10 choice who was third on the team with 74 tackles. "He was typical of our team last year," Morton says. "He got much better as the season went along."

Kissling will be supported by seniors Pete Nowka and Paul Partington. Manning the inside positions will be senior David Wings, the leading tackler last season with 134, and sophomore Malvin Hunter.

The Badgers are solid in the secondary. Junior safety Greg Thomas had 105 tackles and two interceptions last season. Senior Brad Mayo and junior LaMarr White are capable cornerbacks.

The schedule is rough—road games at Iowa, Ohio State, and Michigan State—but Wisconsin will be a formidable foe at home.

Minnesota

The Gophers have a problem: Rickey Foggie—who set school records for career passing and total yardage in four years as Minnesota's starting quarterback—is gone, and nobody has the foggiest idea who will take his place.

Entering spring drills Minnesota coach John Gutekunst declared the race for the starting QB position wide-open between senior Alan Holt, who completed 23 of 52 passes in limited action last season, junior John Bobinski, and redshirt freshmen Keswic Johnson and Scott Schaffner.

Whoever wins the job will have the pleasure of handing off to junior tailback Darrell Thompson. As a freshman, Thompson set a school rushing record with 1,240 yards in 11 games and earned first team All-Big 10 honors as the league's Newcomer of the Year. Last season, the 6-1, 220-pounder rushed for 1,229 yards and 13 touchdowns and stamped himself as a 1988 Heisman Trophy candidate.

The Gophers' top receiver, senior tight end Craig Otto (22 catches, 309 yards), is back. Senior Dennis Carter (12 catches for 210 yards) and junior Chris Gaiters (13 for 231) are capable wide receivers.

The Gophers must replace two guards and a tackle. Senior center Brian Williams (6-5, 287) will probably be flanked by junior guards J. J. Lennon and Brian Suess. Junior Dan Liimata returns at tackle, along with junior Jon Melander—a converted defensive lineman—and sophomore Chris Thomas.

Minnesota's defense yielded 262 points (23.8 per game) last season and must replace four starters from that unit. The strongest position is linebacker, where All-Big 10 selection Jon Leverenz, a 6-3, 228-pound junior, racked up 162 tackles last

Returning Big 10 Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Chuck Hartlieb	Iowa	1	212	334	3,092	19
Dave Schnell	Indiana	2	121	207	1,707	13
Bobby McAllister	Michigan St.	3	71	139	1,171	6
Demetrius Brown	Michigan	6	80	168	1,051	11
Scott Mohr	Illinois	7	106	212	1,436	7
Pete Freund	Illinois	8	30	58	333	3
Shawn McCarthy	Purdue	10	98	177	1,088	5

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Darrell Thompson	Minnesota	3	224	1,229	5.5	13
Marvin Artley	Wisconsin	4	148	995	6.5	9
Anthony Thompson	Indiana	5	257	1,014	3.9	12
Blake Ezor	Michigan St.	10	133	617	4.6	3

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Calvin Williams	Purdue	5	42	585	13.9	6
Marv Cook	Iowa	6	49	803	16.4	2
Andre Rison	Michigan St.	9	34	785	23.1	5
Everett Ross	Ohio St.	10	29	585	20.2	5

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

season from his inside position. Senior inside linebacker Terry Hrycak and junior outside man Ron Goetz also return.

The line is thin—senior tackle Ross Ukkelberg (6-6, 258) is the only '87 starter remaining.

Three starters return from a secondary that was burned frequently in '87. Senior Charles McGee and sophomore Frank Johnson will man the corners, while junior Doug Evans and sophomore Les O'Hara will split time at free safety.

The Gophers will have a tough time replacing placekicker Chip Lohmiller, Minnesota's all-time field goal and scoring leader.

An easy nonconference schedule (Washington State, Miami of Ohio, and Northern Illinois, all at home) gives Minnesota a shot at its fourth straight winning season. But unless a strong quarterback emerges to take the heat off Thompson, the Gophers will get buried in the Big 10.

Illinois

The Mike White era at Illinois ended with a whimper—the Illini were humbled in their season finale for the second straight year by Northwestern and finished 3-7-1. Just three years after leading Illinois to the Rose Bowl, White was pushed out after details of yet another NCAA investigation into Illini recruiting irregularities was announced.

As the new head coach, John Mackovic has two jobs: clean up Illinois' image and restore the Illini to the ranks of Big 10 title contenders. The latter will be a much more difficult task for the widely respected Mackovic—the Illini return only six starters from last season.

"We lack experience," says Mackovic, a proven winner at Wake Forest and with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. "Over half of our players are in their first or second season of college football. We're very young, but I have seen an enthusiasm in the young players that's very positive."

Another positive for Illini fans is Mackovic's reputation as an offensive innovator.

His new prize pupil is Jeff George, who sat out last season after transferring from Purdue. The much-heralded George started six games for the Boilermakers as a freshman in 1986 and passed for more than 1,200 yards.

The Illini used three quarterbacks last season without much success. All three return, although junior Brian Menkhausen has been shifted to tight end. Senior Scott Mohr (106-212, 1,436 yards, 7 TDs) and junior Peter Freund (30-58, 333 yards, 3 TDs) lack George's talent.

"George has a lot of learning to do because we put a lot of emphasis on our quarterbacks knowing everything about our system," Mackovic says. "He has talent. The thing that impresses me most about him is his quick release."

That's important because graduation claimed all of Illinois' top receivers and all but one starting offensive lineman. Senior guard Mark McGowan (6-3, 272) is excellent.

Illinois returns its four top rushers from last season. "The good news is that we have them all back," Mackovic says. "The unpleasant news is that we gained only slightly more than 1,000 yards [1,095 net yards] rushing last season. We simply have to do a better job of running the ball. The starting jobs there are as wide open as any on the team."

One of those jobs should go to senior Keith Jones,

who led the Illini with 322 yards despite missing three games.

On defense, the secondary will be a strength. Senior Glen Cobb led the Illini with 120 tackles and three fumble recoveries and earned second team All-Big 10 honors. Also returning is sophomore Chris Green, who was in on 55 tackles.

The linebacking corps will be led by junior Jason Guard (6-1, 231). Only one starting lineman is back. Sophomore nose tackle Moe Gardner showed great promise as a freshman with 93 tackles.

Give Mackovic a year to install his system and George a chance to prove himself as a worthy successor to past Illini passers Dave Wilson, Tony Eason, and Jack Trudeau. Then watch out for Illinois in 1989.

Purdue

When Fred Akers arrived at Purdue last season after building his reputation as a ground-oriented coach at Texas, many Boilermaker fans feared the forward pass would become passé in West Lafayette, Ind. Not to worry—Purdue ranked second in the Big 10 in passing offense (212.3 yards per game) last season. Of course, the main reason the Boilers threw so much is that they were so frequently on the short end of the scoring during a 3-7-1 campaign.

Rest assured, however, that the alma mater of such prominent passers as Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Mark Herrmann, and Jim Everett will never embrace the "three yards and a cloud of dust" philosophy.

"We're going to continue to throw the football," Akers says. "Purdue has a tradition as a passing team, and I want to maintain a good run-pass balance. It would help our passing game immensely, however, if we could run."

Purdue generated only 88.5 yards per game on the ground in 1987. The only backfield returnee of note is senior tailback/fullback Darren Myles, who ranked second on the Boilers with 363 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns.

"We're going to need to improve our running game in order to win," says Akers, who had the pleasure of watching Earl Campbell run wild at Texas. "The way you do that is to go out and get yourself a good runner. You also need to get some linemen who will give him a chance to run. We haven't found that dominant runner yet."

Perhaps they have. Four running backs were recruited as part of a Purdue freshman class rated among the top 10 in the nation by talent scouts. "I just hope they're right," says Akers with a chuckle.

The offensive line must be rebuilt around senior center Bruce Crites, the lone returning regular. Junior Brian Dapp started five games at guard and tackle, and junior guard Bruce Brineman started twice. Help may come from Teko Johnson, a transfer from Snow Junior College in Utah.

Junior quarterback Shawn McCarthy started the final five games last season and completed 98 of 177 attempts (55.4%) for 1,088 yards and five touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He will be challenged by sophomore Mark Mascheck and freshmen Jeff Lesniewicz and Brian Fox.

Purdue boasts one of the Big 10's best pass catchers in junior flanker Calvin Williams, who ranked fifth in the league last season (42 receptions, 585 yards, six TDs). "He's a big-play receiver," Akers says.

Defensively, Purdue is solid in the secondary. Senior free safety Marc Foster earned all-league honors in '87 by making 130 tackles and intercepting four passes. Junior Derrick Kelson (52 tackles) started at cornerback and then shifted to strong safety the last nine games. Sophomore cornerback Steve Jackson (61 tackles) started seven games. Fifth-year senior Ronnie Beeks, a starter at strong safety in 1986, returns after missing a year because of academic ineligibility.

"Another area we're going to have to work on is linebacker," Akers says. "We lost Fred Strickland [168 tackles], who I think was the best in the Big 10 last season. We're going to be awfully young there—that's an area the freshmen may help us."

Don't get the idea the Boilers are devoid of talent at the position. Outside linebacker Jerrol Williams (6-5, 235) was honorable mention All-Big 10 as a junior after making 102 tackles.

On the defensive line, Purdue is counting on junior tackle Bill Hitchcock (6-6, 285), who started three games last season before being sidelined with a knee injury.

Akers has recruited well and the Purdue program is on the upswing. But until the young players develop, the Boilermakers will take their lumps.

Northwestern

You know they're making progress at Northwestern when a 2-8-1 final record is considered disappointing. Although the Wildcats knocked off Wisconsin and Illinois last season, more was expected of a team that in 1986 began to show signs of respectability under new coach Francis Peay.

"We turned the ball over too many times and gave up the big play and the quick score much too often," says Peay of the '87 season.

Peay has the program on the right track, but Northwestern will take a licking again this year. The Wildcats must replace 13 starters, seven on offense, including quarterback Mike Greenfield, the school's all-time total offense leader. Fifth-year senior Greg Bradshaw (34 of 67 passing in brief action last season) will be the man on the move behind Northwestern's depleted offensive line, which returns only senior tackle Michael Baum.

Senior running back Byron Sanders missed much of the '87 season with bruised ribs but still led the Wildcats with 778 yards, including an NCAA single-game best of 295 yards against Minnesota.

Northwestern yielded a whopping 328 points (29.8 per game) last season, and the defense again looks shaky. However, the defensive line is solid—senior end Kevin Peterson led Northwestern with 11 tackles for losses—and two other returning starters, senior end Andre Walker and sophomore tackle Darryl Ashmore, give the Wildcats much-needed muscle.

Inexperience will cost the Wildcats dearly at linebacker, where last year's top three performers are gone. Senior Kyle Palmer and Jeff Robinson return in the secondary, which could get a boost when fifth-year senior Dirk Adams returns from a knee injury.

Junior Ira Adler (11 of 13 field goal attempts) is a more than adequate placekicker, but a replacement must be found for punter Shawn Carpenter.

Peay will keep making progress toward building a competitive program at Northwestern this season, but the fruits of his labor won't show up in the win-loss column. ■ —Stu Courtney

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THE BEST FOOTBALL PLAYER IN the Mid-American Conference is a tailback/receiver/kick returner. Quarterback, however, is the position MAC fans will be focusing on this fall.

Eastern Michigan head coach Jim Harkema says the key to winning the league championship is the man taking the snap.

"The first thing you have to look at is who has the experienced quarterback," the coach of the defending league champions said. "No team is going to win the MAC without an all-league quarterback."

If Harkema is correct, the MAC race should be a wide-open one this season. Five teams have their starting QBs back. Another, Kent State, has at QB the 1986 MAC Freshman of the Year, Patrick Young, who suffered a dislocated hip in Kent's opener last year and missed the rest of the season.

Based on the return of Young and tailback Eric Wilkerson, the MAC's Most Valuable Player and national leader in all-purpose yardage last season, the Golden Flashes rate as a favorite over Bowling Green and Ball State for the league title. Defending champ Eastern Michigan will be minus its quarterback, All-MAC selection Ron Adams.

Kent State

Returning experience in the backfield will help make coach Dick Crum's first year at KSU a smooth one. Crum, formerly of North Carolina, will be certain to take advantage of the talented backfield. Eric Wilkerson led the nation in all-purpose yardage with an average of 188.5 yards per game and topped MAC rushers with 1,221 yards.

"Wilkerson is phenomenal," Central Michigan

coach Herb Deromedi said. "He just plays all-out, making the great catch or getting the extra yard."

At 5-foot-9, 180 pounds, Wilkerson is a surprisingly powerful runner. He is also utilized as a kickoff return man (23.4 average, second in the MAC) and a receiver (23 catches, 269 yards).

The Flashes will stick with the option attack to take advantage of the skills of the speedy Patrick Young (5-7, 168). Kent also returns All-MAC center Chip Curtis, second team All-MAC tackle Mike Paschall, and flanker Fermin Olivera.

KSU welcomes back seven starters on defense, including its entire backfield. Cornerback Jamie Howell, another all-league player, leads the returnees.

Crum, 72-41-3 in 10 seasons at North Carolina, found the cupboard full after taking over from the departed Glen Mason, now at Kansas. If Crum can develop depth in the linebackers and defensive line, he should have an interesting first season.

Bowling Green

The Falcons (5-6 in 1987) also have talent returning at the skill positions. MAC total-offense leader Rich Dackin returns at quarterback, along with his top three receivers.

Dackin threw for 2,211 yards, most in the MAC. Split end Reggie Thornton (47 receptions, 698 yards) and tight end Kyle Hockman (37 receptions, 381 yards) caught most of Dackin's passes. Flanker Ron Heard is also back.

Bowling Green lost a lot of defensive talent. But the Falcons do return five starters, among them all-league defensive back Kyle Kramer and linebacker Charles Dotson, second in the freshman of the year balloting. BG has finished first or second in the league six straight years, and should be in the title hunt again this fall.

Ball State

Most MAC coaches say this is a team ready to take a giant step forward after a 4-7 season.

"I thought we should have made our move last year, but I feel confident we can compete with anybody this year," Cardinals coach Paul Schudel said.

Ball State returns the league's defensive player of the year, linebacker Greg Garnica, and freshman of the year, tailback Bernie Parmalee. Garnica led the MAC in tackles for the second straight season. Parmalee (1,064 yards) had a league-high 15 touchdowns last year despite missing portions of four games with injuries.

Quarterback Wade Kosakowski is back for his third season as a starter.

Other key returnees are linebacker Tim Walton, defensive tackle Dave Malinski, and tight end Eugene Riley.

An experienced group of linemen on both offense and defense make this a season folks in Muncie are looking forward to.

Central Michigan

The Chippewas (5-5-1) bring back eight offensive starters, but they will be young on defense.

Leading the returnees is All-MAC tailback John Hood (1,121 yards, 10 TDs) and wide receiver Eric Reed (43 catches, 652 yards). The question mark is at quarterback, but Randy Levels played well in relief of Marcelle Carruthers last season. Place-kicker Kevin Nicholl also returns.

The key men on defense are defensive lineman Scott Alferink (second team All-MAC) and George Ricumstrict at inside linebacker. Central may start two sophomores at cornerback.

"The keys to our season will be who leads us at quarterback and how our defense matures," head coach Herb Deromedi said.

Western Michigan

Coach Al Molde's second year at Kalamazoo should show improvement on last season's 5-6



Central Michigan's John Hood is coming off a 1,121-yard season.

mark. Western returns eight starters on both sides of the line.

Wide receiver Jamie Hence (50 catches, 858 yards) led the conference in receiving. Hence is a burner—he finished fifth in the NCAA indoor high hurdles. Throwing to Hence will be quarterback Tony Kimbrough, who averaged 241 yards per game in total offense after taking over the spot late in the season. Returning to protect Kimbrough in Western's single-back offense are tackles Kevin Haverdink (6-7, 275) and Gary VanderWeele (6-6, 272).

Outside linebacker Joel Smeenge, All-MAC as a sophomore, is back for this third season as a starter. Inside linebackers Eric Hoffman and Scott Lonier and three defensive backs also return. Hoffman and strong safety Willie Berrios each had 124 tackles in 1987. Kicker John Creek has made 57 straight extra points.

1987 MAC Standings

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Eastern Michigan ^a	7	1	0	10	2	0
Kent State	5	3	0	7	4	0
Miami	5	3	0	5	6	0
Bowling Green State	5	3	0	5	6	0
Western Michigan	4	4	0	5	6	0
Central Michigan	3	4	1	5	5	1
Toledo	3	4	1	3	7	1
Ball State	3	5	0	4	7	0
Ohio University	0	8	0	1	10	0

^a Eastern Michigan defeated San Jose State 30-27 in the California Bowl.

Eastern Michigan

A California Bowl win topped off the Hurons' first league championship, but coach Jim Harkema's charges will be hard-pressed to duplicate last year's 10-2 mark.

Eastern will be without the heart and soul of its team, quarterback Ron Adams and All-MAC tailback Gary Patton. Bobby Foster was exciting as Patton's replacement, but EMU's offensive strength will be in its line, anchored by center Jim Colosimo and tight end Bill Kupp.

Defensive back Charles Gordon was All-MAC as a sophomore, and punter Ron Banaitis was second in the league in punting.

"We lost a lot of key players, but when you have a good program, you have somebody to back them up," Harkema said. If Foster and new quarterback Tom Sullivan can perform anywhere near the level of Patton and Adams, Harkema will have developed quite a program indeed.

Miami

The Redskins have a good program, but a lot of new faces will be in the starting lineup this fall. Only three offensive and five defensive starters return from a 5-6 club.

"We are a giant question mark," Miami coach Tim Rose said. "This year is a year of complete change in terms of personnel. Almost every position is up for grabs."

One Redskin who should keep his starting job is split end John Stofa (36 catches, 504 yards). Tight end Glen Huffman also returns.

Tackles Mark Cristell and Bob Getz, cornerbacks Scott Barnett and Jim Harnett, and line-backer Jerry Prochko have the most experience on defense. All-MAC punter Chuck Konrad (39.9 yards per kick) is back, but second team All-America kicker Gary Gussman has departed.

Toledo

Picked as one of the league favorites, the Rockets floundered to a 3-7-1 mark last fall. An experienced offensive line could help Toledo atone for its 1987 showing.

Nine offensive starters return, led by All-MAC tackle Ken Moyer (6-7, 287), twins Tim and Todd Olsen at guards, and center George Linberger. The skill positions are a problem—even with the assistance of the talented line, Toledo was only seventh in the league in total offense.

Cornerback DeWayne Fletcher was second team all-league as a sophomore. He is ably assisted by strong safety Jon Bowsher. Second team All-MAC linebacker Mike McCreary and defensive end Tom Gruno also return.

Ohio

"The surprise team of the league will be Ohio U.," Miami's Rose said. "They're ready to be pretty darn good."

The Bobcats, who finished 1-10 for the second straight year, are counting on an influx of junior college transfers and the development of underclassmen who saw a lot of action in 1987.

"We've come through some tough times together and we're ready to go through some good times," coach Cleve Bryant said.

Ohio returns nine starters on offense, led by quarterback Anthony Thornton, who picked up 1,473 yards total offense as a freshman. The



Eric Wilkerson of Kent State led the nation in all-purpose yardage.

offensive line returns intact, led by tackle Ron Rogers (6-2, 279). Bryant is hoping JC transfers at the running back position can take some of the load off Thornton. Cyle Feldman is one of three experienced wide receivers.

The OU linebackers are led by Bill Barrett (96 tackles) and John Evangelista (80). Four starters in the secondary return. Bryant recruited 10 linemen to help shore up a defensive line that was last in the league against the run. ■ —Andy Call

Returning MAC Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Rich Dackin	Bowling Green	2	189	330	2,211	13
Tony Kimbrough	West. Michigan	3	88	185	1,307	9
Anthony Thornton	Ohio U.	10	75	180	949	1

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Eric Wilkerson	Kent St.	1	244	1,221	5.0	10
Bernie Parmalee	Ball St.	2	215	1,064	4.9	13
John Hood	Cent. Michigan	3	208	1,121	5.4	10
David Rohrs	Toledo	5	178	681	3.8	6
Rod Davis	West. Michigan	7	115	477	4.1	4
Anthony Thornton	Ohio U.	8	160	524	3.3	4
Rodney Stevenson	Cent. Michigan	9	137	522	3.8	1

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Jamie Hence	West. Michigan	1	50	858	17.2	6
Reggie Thornton	Bowling Green	3	47	698	14.9	4
Eric Reed	Cent. Michigan	5	43	652	15.2	3
Kyle Hockman	Bowling Green	9	37	381	10.3	3

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

Predicted Order of Finish

1. San Jose St.
2. Utah St.
3. Fresno St.
4. Fullerton St.
5. Long Beach St.
6. Pacific
7. Nevada-Las Vegas
8. New Mexico St.

USUALLY WHEN A TEAM LOSES 17 starters, it doesn't get the preseason nod to successfully defend its conference title.

However, two-time defending Pacific Coast Athletic Association football champion San Jose State has an annual 40% roster turnover and is used to rebuilding with an established junior college transfer program.

But if the Spartans should fail, Fullerton State, Fresno State, or up-and-coming Utah State could steal away the crown.

San Jose State

The Spartans, who have not lost a conference game in two years, have only five regular starters coming back. But twelve other players have started in at least three games for coach Claude Gilbert.

Senior Ken Lutz, last year's third-string quarterback, appears to be the heir apparent to the departed Mike Perez. Jason Schmid, a transfer from USC, will back him up.

In the offensive backfield, junior Johnny Jackson, a starting wide receiver last season, will move back to his original position at tailback. He caught 31 passes for 482 yards last season. Danny Holmes, a transfer from San Diego State, joins Jackson in the backfield. Another transfer, Robert Lewis from Arizona State, will be a receiver.

On defense, cornerback Jay Taylor broke up 15 passes and intercepted four last season. Junior safety Ryan Rasnick is a two-time All-PCAA choice.

Utah State

Things are looking up for third-year Aggie coach Chuck Shelton. His team won five of its last six



Ryan Rasnick is confident San Jose State will win its third straight PCAA title.

games in 1987. Directing the offense will be second team All-PCAA quarterback Brent Snyder, who broke the Utah State single-season passing record with 2,887 yards. He will be throwing to wide receiver Kendal Smith, who caught 67 passes for 1,048 yards. Five other offensive starters are back, including three on the line.

Pass defense is Shelton's biggest concern, considering they gave up 241 yards per game last season. However, Travis Clark and Greg Haynes give USU experience in the defensive backfield.

Sophomore Kevin Bouwman returns to his inside linebacking position after recording 81 tackles last season, while Shelton hopes Brian Hunsaker will recover from knee problems to anchor the defensive line.

Fresno State

Last year the Bulldogs, 6-5, started slowly in PCAA action and were immediately in an uphill battle for the league title.

However, Fresno State will return a strong offensive unit led by senior quarterback Dave Telford, who passed for 2,589 yards and 12 touchdowns last season. His performance put him in the PCAA record book four times.

When the Bulldogs aren't moving the ball through the air, they will probably give the ball to running back Kelly Skipper, who has 1,580 career yards.

Fresno also has three returnees on the offensive line, including senior tight end Greg Jones. He had 23 receptions last season.

Defensively, Tracy Rogers and Ron Cox, a freshman All-American, return to the front, while strong safety Tony Harris, the team's leading tackler with 77, is also back.

Fullerton State

Titan coach Gene Murphy retains from last year's 6-6 club the nucleus of a defensive unit that features six returning starters, several reserves, and two transfers on the line. Last season's team-leading tackler Bill Bryan needs 72 more tackles at inside linebacker to become the school's all-time leader.

Offensively, Fullerton loses its leading passer and

runner, plus the middle of the offensive line.

Junior college transfer Dan Speltz will challenge incumbents Carlos Siragusa and Tony Dill for the quarterback position vacated by two-year starter Ronnie Barber.

John Gibbs, the second-leading receiver last season for Fullerton, will be the deep threat this season, while fullbacks Tim Byrnes and William Robinson will bring back their combined 514 yards.

Long Beach State

Senior quarterback Jeff Graham provides the 49ers, 4-7 last year, with immediate leadership for coach Larry Reisbig's second season.

Long Beach also has experience at running back with Michael Roberts and Lafayette Shelton, who ran for 515 and 341 yards, respectively, last year. Wide receiver Derek Washington is back after racking up 782 reception yards.

On the offensive line, the pass-oriented 49ers have experience at every position except center.

Long Beach should be solid at linebacker with leading tackler Mauricio Gutierrez topping an experienced group. Replacements must be found on the line, while cornerback Stacey Alexander heads the backfield.

Pacific

Last season the Tigers averaged only 248 yards of total offense per game, while giving up 402. Pacific coach Bob Cope wants more productivity from his team's Wishbone offense and a stingier defense.

On offense, the Tigers return eight starters. Fullback Jon Grim rushed for 345 yards and will take pitches from either Jason Frost or Ron Beverly at quarterback. Pacific also wants to open up its offense by improving last year's 54-yards-per-game passing attack.

The Tigers should be able to hold their own in the pass-oriented league with two PCAA honorees returning to the defensive backfield—senior cornerback Ruben Harper and junior safety Greg Koperek.

Pacific also returns depth and experience on the defensive line, while Mike Hawkins leads the linebacking corps.

1987 PCAA Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
San Jose St. ^a	7	0	0	10	2	0
Fresno St.	4	3	0	6	5	0
Fullerton State	4	3	0	6	6	0
Nevada-Las Vegas	4	3	0	5	6	0
Utah State	4	3	0	5	6	0
Pacific	3	4	0	4	7	0
Long Beach St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
New Mexico St.	0	7	0	2	9	0

a) San Jose State lost to Eastern Michigan 30-27 in the California Bowl.



Defensive lineman Tracy Rogers helps lead a determined Fresno State squad hoping to improve on last year's 6-5 mark.

Nevada-Las Vegas

This will be a rebuilding year for the Rebels, who lost NCAA rushing champion Ikey Woods, who racked up 1,658 yards in 1987, to graduation.

Offensively, the Rebels return sophomore Scott Sims and senior Richard Williams at quarterback. Both shared time last season. Sophomore Tommy Jackson will be the top runner. He gained 437 yards in '87.

The Rebels' line, paced by Dustin Quinton and tight end Cedric Davis, returns all of last year's starters but the center. Davis had 24 receptions in the 1987 campaign.

However, with the exception of one down lineman, UNLV will be rebuilding its entire defensive unit. Lineman Doc Wise is the top returnee. Rebel coach Wayne Nunnley went after immediate help, signing seven junior college transfer linebackers.

New Mexico State

Life hasn't been all that pleasant in Las Cruces, N.M., with 1-10 and 2-9 records over the last two years. The one bright spot last season was that one of the two wins came against intrastate rival New Mexico.

However, there is a youth movement being directed by third-year coach Mike Knoll. All of the skill position players on offense return with the only question mark coming at quarterback.

Junior signal-caller Phil Vinson went down with a severe shoulder injury in the eighth game last year. His return is still questionable. The mantle will likely be passed to sophomore Mike Reneau.

Anthony Singleton will lead the running attack after gaining 415 yards, while Alvin Warrin and

Larry Harriston are back at the wideout spots.

However, the Aggies return only three players on defense. Scott Zowada will be counted on to lead the line, while Sam Dickey will guide the linebackers. The other experienced player is Jamie Henderson at strong safety. ■—Tom Christensen

Returning PCAA Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Dave Telford	Fresno St.	3	202	351	2,589	12
Brent Snyder	Utah St.	4	226	427	2,887	20
Jeff Graham	Long Beach St.	5	191	347	2,427	9

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Michael Roberts	Long Beach St.	4	89	515	5.8	0
Kelly Skipper	Fresno St.	5	141	588	4.2	6
Anthony Singleton	New Mexico St.	6	83	415	5.0	1

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Kendal Smith	Utah St.	3	67	1,048	15.6	7
Derek Washington	Long Beach St.	6	52	782	15.0	1

a) Based on passing efficiency rating for regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

Big 8

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Nebraska
2. Oklahoma
3. Missouri
4. Oklahoma St.
5. Colorado
6. Kansas
7. Iowa St.
8. Kansas St.

SAVE THE TALK OF BIG EIGHT PARITY for basketball, where Kansas can finish third in the conference and first in the nation. Come September, this is still the Big Ate with Oklahoma and Nebraska doing the usual feasting. It's been that way in the 15 seasons that Barry Switzer has coached Oklahoma and Tom Osborne has coached Nebraska, and it's not likely to change anytime soon.

Iowa State coach Jim Walden has accepted this fate philosophically. "Life is eternal," he said. "Water runs downhill, it snows in the Yukon, and Oklahoma and Nebraska are going to be where they are in the Big Eight." Colorado's Bill McCartney, who managed to stun Nebraska two years ago to tie the Cornhuskers for second place, is slightly more begrudging. "I do believe we are closing the gap. You don't have to have as many good players as they do, but your first group has got to be talented to keep up with them."

Oklahoma State, which hasn't beaten Nebraska since 1961, spent the better part of two months last season building its best start since 1945 to get a running start at knocking off the big two. But the bottom line was that Thurman Thomas, the school's career rushing leader, was held to a career-low seven yards in a 35-0 loss to Nebraska. The Cowboys hung tough against Oklahoma, but despite knocking quarterback Jamelle Holieway and fullback Lydell Carr out for the rest of the season, they lost 19-10. "I listen to that perpetually," Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones said of the OU-Nebraska stranglehold. "OU and Nebraska, that will take care of itself."

1987 Big 8 Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Oklahoma ^a	7	0	0	11	1	0
Nebraska ^b	6	1	0	10	2	0
Oklahoma State ^c	5	2	0	10	2	0
Colorado	4	3	0	7	4	0
Missouri	3	4	0	5	6	0
Iowa State	2	5	0	3	8	0
Kansas	0	6	1	1	9	1
Kansas State	0	6	1	0	10	1

a) Oklahoma lost to Miami 20-14 in the Orange Bowl.
b) Nebraska lost to Florida State 31-28 in the Fiesta Bowl.
c) Oklahoma State defeated West Virginia 35-33 in the Sun Bowl.

And how. In 43 years Oklahoma and Nebraska have won or at least shared the conference title 39 times. Last season they became the first schools to hoard the top two spots in the AP poll for the entire regular season. During the run of the Tom and Barry Show, the other six schools have gone through 24 coaches. Switzer and Osborne are a combined 165-13-1 against the other six schools.

Nebraska comes into 1988 still stinging from second-half collapses against Oklahoma the past two seasons, last year's coming after the Huskers were voted past the Sooners into the top spot before their summit at Lincoln. If the Huskers can again claim their usual September championship of the Pacific 10—they play UCLA and Arizona State—they should head for Norman on November 19 with a chance to finish No. 1. Twenty of their starting 22 should be seniors and juniors from the team that finished second nationally to OU in total offense and defense.

Oklahoma has a few more holes to fill, especially on what may have been one of the greatest collegiate offensive lines ever. There's still the usual posse of fine runners, including quarterbacks Holieway and Charles Thompson. The hors d'oeuvres on this schedule are slightly more filling, with the Sooners traveling to USC in September and facing a Texas team that might give OU a test for the first time in years.

Missouri is progressing to become the most competitive of the other six teams. A more complex offense and the potential of halfback Tony VanZant are the keys for the Tigers. Oklahoma State, minus running back Thurman Thomas, and Colorado can challenge Missouri. It's difficult to expect much upward mobility from Kansas (under new coach Glen Mason), Iowa State, and Kansas State.

Unfortunately, most of the schools in the Big Eight will spend much of the fall looking forward to October 15, the first day of basketball practice. Hey, even Switzer called off spring practice to go watch the Sooners play Kansas in the final. How fitting that last spring Kansas and Kansas State packed a football stadium—for a basketball game.

But please don't call the Big Eight a basketball conference.

After all, Colorado has won 14 national skiing titles.

Nebraska

It all had looked so easy. Winning the first nine games by an average of 44-12. Winning the first five conference games by an average of 46-3. And here came Oklahoma, minus its starting quarterback and top fullback, to the sea of red at Memorial Stadium.

But that was where the Big Easy suddenly fell apart. Now Nebraska's Cornhuskers head to autumn faced with another grim mission: how not to let 60 minutes of football against their Norman conquerors spoil an entire season's work. Additionally distressing was how a defense that allowed 39 points in seven weeks of Big Eight play could be riddled for 31 in one afternoon by Florida State at the Fiesta Bowl, leading to a 10-2 final record.

"They want to do well, they want to be good," coach Tom Osborne said, "but it isn't a deal where we go out there every day talking about Oklahoma."

Osborne should have a team that many people will be talking about this fall. With many of last year's top performers either returning or sufficiently

replaced, Nebraska is poised to make a run at finally winning its first national title since 1971.

Senior quarterback Steve Taylor (902 yards passing) is piqued at the Huskers' fate against Oklahoma the past two years under his command, but he can be proud of giving Nebraska a more balanced attack that should finally pay off against the Sooners. He tied Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy for the most touchdown passes thrown (13, five against UCLA) and also broke the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback (659). Now if he can only keep the ball out of the Sooners' secondary.

The greatest offensive void is at I-back, with the loss of Keith (Endzone) Jones. Junior Tyreese Knox isn't exactly foreign to the position. Backing up Jones last season, Knox ran for 118 yards against Iowa State and 100 against Kansas. "Tyreese doesn't have the pure speed that Keith had," Osborne said. "He's a little bigger guy." The offensive line again will be strong, the product of Nebraska's vaunted weight program. Junior center Jake Young was the first sophomore to start on the Huskers offensive line in 14 years. Senior tackle Bob Sledge fit in nicely after transferring from South Dakota. The passing game is capable of big plays. Seniors Dana Brinson at wideout and Todd Millikan at tight end are among the top targets.

The first name in defense is Broderick Thomas, an All-America defensive end. The senior will be counted on heavily with the loss of three defensive linemen, including All-America tackle Neil Smith. But the line should be bolstered by junior middle guard Lawrence Pete and junior tackle Kurt Wells. Junior college transfer Junior Monarrez could also be a factor. Contenders at weak-side linebacker include sophomore Kenny Walker. Three seniors should start in the secondary, including cornerback Charles Fryar, cousin of the former Husker wide receiver Irving Fryar.

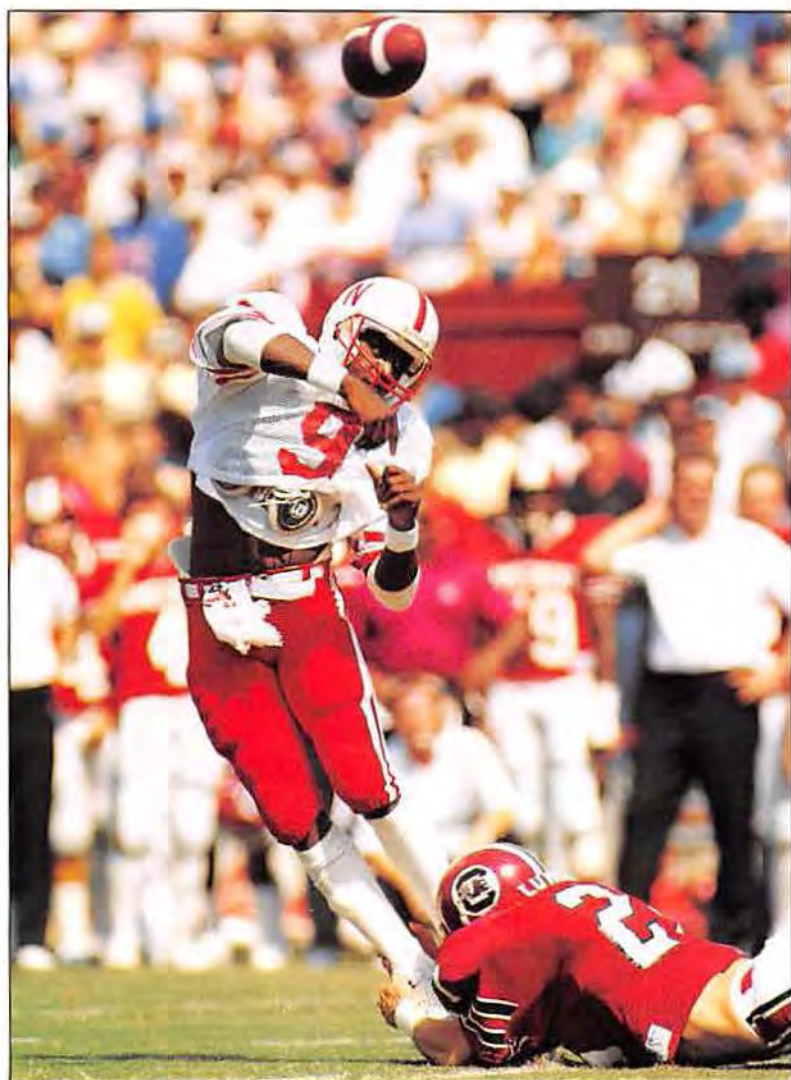
The Huskers must be ready early if they intend to push toward a national title. They will open on August 27 in the Kickoff Classic against three-time Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M. But even with the early opener and the finale at Norman, Nebraska has the talent that could make 13 games add up to a No. 1 ranking.

Oklahoma

Despite the usual bravado surrounding the OU football program, there's actually some national sympathy for Switzer and Co. After all, Nebraska was the team running off at the mouth going into last year's showdown with the Sooners. There was the 20-14 loss in the national-title Orange Bowl to Miami, during which both renegade teams acted like model citizens and attention was instead riveted on the field. And you can't look all that sinister when you share your campus with a basketball team coached by Billy "I'm a helluva coach" Tubbs.

The Sooners face a difficult task in replenishing the offensive line and the overall defense. But if they do that adequately, they might be right back in position to win it all (as was the case in 1985, despite a loss to Miami) or at least contend (as was the case in 1986 and 1987, each time thwarted by Miami).

The quarterback situation presents Switzer with a pleasant problem. Senior Jamelle Holieway was the Big Eight's offensive player of the year as a freshman and sophomore, despite being knocked out late last season with a knee injury. All Charles



This could be the year that Taylor leads Nebraska to victory over Oklahoma.

Thompson did as a freshman last year was keep the Sooners No. 1 nationally in total offense and calmly engineer the victory over Nebraska. The rest of the running game, even with the loss of Carr, is solid with senior halfback Anthony Stafford, junior fullback Leon Perry, and freshman fullback Rotnei Anderson.

The offensive line may no longer be all-world, but it's still a formidable unit. Returning starters Bob Latham and Anthony Phillips will be joined by senior tackle Gary Bennett, junior tackle Mark VanKeirsbliek, and sophomore guard Terron Manning. Senior Duncan Parham is one of many tight ends who will be asked to replace All-American Keith Jackson.

A defense that boasted defensive back Ricky Dixon and linebacker Dante Jones will return only four starters. The mainstay of this unit may be junior nose guard Dante Williams, who worked himself into a starting role last season. He'll be joined across the front by two sophomores, Adrian Cooper and Scott Evans, junior Greg Dixon, and senior Curtice Williams.

The most experienced area of the defense is linebacker, with seniors Richard Dillon (who started last season) and Kert Kaspar. A secondary that lost Dixon and David Vickers will have senior cornerback Lonnie Finch as its lone returning starter. He'll be joined by junior safeties Ken McMichael and Kevin Thompson. Senior Scott Garl will man the other corner.

OU's rebuilding task is in many ways similar to the challenge the Sooners faced following the 1983 season. Oklahoma lost much of its team and sputtered to an 8-3 finish and a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. All the Sooners accomplished that year was to build the foundation for four more Big Eight



Holieway attempted only 62 passes in Big 8 games last season in leading the Sooners' awesome option attack.

conference crowns and a combined 42-5-1 record.

If Oklahoma can come back as far this year and fight off the ever-present challenge of Nebraska, then few would quibble if the Sooners' head man chose to call himself Barry "I'm a helluva coach" Switzer.

Missouri

Tigers coach Woody Widenhofer has spent most of his first three seasons scared—scared to make any kind of a gamble offensively because he knew he didn't have a defense that could prevent such moves from backfiring. But those days are over, and after pulling Missouri up from the depths of a 1-10 finish in his first season to last year's 5-6 effort, Widenhofer is ready to take the gloves off.

"To be able to win the big ones, I think you're going to have to throw the football a little bit," Widenhofer said. That means we'll see a slightly flashier version of the Mizzou Flexbone for the 1988 season. With it, maybe things won't get away from the Tigers the way they did last season against Oklahoma (17-13), Oklahoma State (24-20), and Indiana (20-17). Stage fright consumed the Tigers when they took a 2-0 conference record into their game against Oklahoma State. Missouri committed 10 penalties for 65 yards, and a four-game losing streak would take the Tigers out of bowl contention.

"We were probably two fourth-down plays against Indiana and Oklahoma State from going 7-4," Widenhofer said. "I felt we were as good or better than Oklahoma State."

Flexbone II has been handed to junior quarterback John Stollenwerck, the SMU refugee who took over the starting job seven games into last season. Missouri's conservative approach last season yielded an average of 81 passing yards per game. If Stollenwerck doesn't fit the new look, three redshirt freshmen—Skip Leach, Brad Fitzmaurice, and Corey Welch—would be more than happy to take over.

Both halfback positions are open following the departures of Robert Delpino and Darrell Wallace, but Missouri has plenty of players to choose from after signing eight running backs in 1987. Sophomore Tony VanZant, the super recruit from 1986, played sparingly last season after sitting out '86 with a knee injury. He's 20 pounds heavier than when he signed, ran for more than 100 yards in each of Missouri's first three spring scrimmages, and has Widenhofer drooling at the prospects for the coming season. It doesn't hurt that the Tigers will start three seniors across the offensive front—tackle Carl Bax, center Curtis Wilson, and guard Chris Lowe—along with sophomore guard Rob Dryden (6-9, 341 pounds).

The defense will need to do a better job of stopping the pass. "We went to a four-man front [last season], mixed our defenses, and went from giving up 29 points a game to giving up 19. We would like to even improve on that," Widenhofer said. The pass rush must improve, but the line returns only one starter [senior end Steve Vandegrift] to go with two sophomores and a junior. Only half of the starting secondary is back—cornerbacks Adrian Jones and Pat Ray. Widenhofer has tried to bolster the defense by shifting former quarterback-receiver Ronnie Cameron to defensive back and ex-running back Mike Logan to line-backer.

Much of Missouri's kicking game exited with



Gundy (2,106 passing yards in '87) leads a balanced Oklahoma State offense.

Tom Whelihan, who was second in the conference in field goals made (13) and second in punting average (40.7). Among the possible successors as punter are sophomore Mark Plunkett and junior Mike Rookstool. Plunkett and fellow sophomores Jim Weir and Dan Baker are the top placekicking candidates.

Last season Mizzou played three of the four teams that went into the last two weeks of the season undefeated: Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Syracuse. The Tigers' timing isn't much better this season. The only other unbeaten team they failed to face in 1987 was Miami . . . and guess who Missouri will play on October 1 at the Orange Bowl?

Returning Big 8 Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Sal Aunese	Colorado	1	23	51	522	3
Jamelle Holieway	Oklahoma	2	21	62	548	7
Steve Taylor	Nebraska	3	57	123	902	13
Mike Gundy	Oklahoma St.	4	170	287	2,106	13
Kelly Donohoe	Kansas	6	72	143	981	3
Gary Swim	Kansas St.	7	115	235	1,304	8
John Stollenwerck	Missouri	8	60	137	831	3

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^a	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Joe Henderson	Iowa St.	1	262	1,232	4.7	5
Jamelle Holieway	Oklahoma	4	142	860	6.1	10
Sal Aunese	Colorado	8	122	612	5.0	6

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Hart Lee Dykes	Oklahoma St.	1	61	978	16.0	8
Dennis Ross	Iowa St.	2	53	673	12.7	4
John Baker	Kansas	5	27	300	11.1	0
Willie Vaughn	Kansas	8	25	672	26.9	4

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

Oklahoma State

The Big Eight's most balanced offense will need a big boost from a disappointing defense if the Cowboys hope to remain a top challenger behind the OU-Nebraska monopoly. Oklahoma State returns most of the key figures from an offense that set school records for touchdowns, points, and first downs. Even the loss of All-America tailback Thurman Thomas is somewhat muted with the presence of junior Barry Sanders, who will add full-time tailback duties to his previous chores as the nation's top kick returner. Oklahoma State also boasts the Big Eight's top quarterback in terms of passing yards in junior Mike Gundy (2,106) and its top receiver in senior wideout Hart Lee Dykes (61 catches, 978 yards). Dykes needs 458 yards to become the big Eight's career receiving yardage leader.

Whether it's pass-blocking or run-blocking, Oklahoma State appears to be in good shape with four starters returning on the offensive line. Plus, senior left tackle Mike Wolfe is back after struggling through last season after suffering a broken leg against Nebraska in 1986.

"I will be surprised if we're not pretty good again offensively," said coach Pat Jones. "We'll be better defensively. We did not give up a lot of big plays and we forced a lot of turnovers. But statistically, as far as yards and everything, I think it was a school-record bad." School-record bad translated into allowing 197.9 passing yards per game in a league where most passes are found at the Will Call gate. Ironically, the Cowboys used their pass defense to attain their second 10-victory season under Jones by breaking up a two-point play to defeat West Virginia 35-33 in the Sun Bowl.

The secondary may receive immediate help from junior college transfers Lamar McGriggs at free safety and Jason Juhl at cornerback. They will join senior corner Melvin Gilliam and junior strong safety Rod Smith, who each had five interceptions last season.

David Bailey has played three positions in three seasons, but has settled at defensive tackle for his senior year. In the Cowboys' final regular-season games against OU, Kansas, and Iowa State, Bailey had 13 solo tackles, 13 assists, and three tackles for losses. He recovered two fumbles and caused another. The only other returning starter on the defensive front is senior tackle Marcus Jones. Junior Sim Drain III could be one of the Big Eight's top linebackers, having started often the past two years. The battle to fill the other linebacking spot will include Rick Walstad, a former defensive end.

Sophomore placekicker Cary Blanchard won the job last August, then proceeded to hit a school-record 39 PATs before missing. The longest of his six field goals was from 51 yards, though he hit a 67-yarder in practice.

Colorado

Talk about hiding the ball on your hip. Buffaloes coach Bill McCartney had everybody thinking he was fleeing Boulder to rebuild SMU's football ruins. In Dallas, the Mustangs had his airplane ticket and were scheduling a news conference to introduce him to the local media.

But McCartney audibled at the last minute, told SMU, "thanks, but no thanks," and insists any frayed feelings back in Colorado have since been smoothed over. "What this has done is cemented

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Colorado's Sal Aunese ranked first in the Big 8 in passing efficiency.

the fact that I'm going to be here," said McCartney, owner of a 20-15 record over the past three seasons after going 7-25-1 in his first three seasons in Colorado. "My name has started to be thrown in the mix for any job, and I was starting to look around. At least in my mind, this has eliminated all of the nonsense."

With the frequent-flyer miles behind him, McCartney has returned to the business of trying to break into the upper echelon of the Big Eight, which the Buffs were on the verge of doing following their 1986 upset of Nebraska. But just when Colorado fans were dusting off their maps to Miami—Colorado last traveled to the Orange Bowl as conference tri-champion following the 1976 season—Colorado broke from the starting gate as awkwardly as its new mascot, Ralphie III. The Buffs lost three fumbles, threw two interceptions, and missed three field goal attempts in losing their opener to Oregon 10-7. Even three subsequent non-league victories weren't enough to get Colorado back on track. The Buffs were outscored 90-30 in losses to Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State. Then, a lack of respect for Big Eight football from top to bottom and a poor lobbying effort led to a 7-3 Colorado team, with Nebraska ahead in its finale, being left out of the bowl lineup. The Buffs were left with referring to the Huskers game as the Folsam Bowl.

Prospects for an authentic bowl appear better thanks to a backfield that returns intact after ranking 24th in the nation in total yards. Junior quarterback Sal Aunese was the conference newcomer of the

year after taking over for Mark Hatcher three games into the season. Aunese, an option specialist, finished eighth in the Big Eight in rushing and first in passing efficiency, throwing only 5.6 passes per game. But even directing a unit that finished third in the country (behind OU and Nebraska, of course) in rushing yardage doesn't assure Aunese of starting this season. Sophomore Marc Walters missed last season following knee surgery and could give Aunese a run for his position.

Behind the quarterback is a corps of scatbacks, led by 5-11 sophomore Erich Kissick, 5-11 junior J. J. Flannigan, and 5-6 sophomore Eric Bieniemy. Their back-ups leave no larger shadows; none is larger than 5-11, and all are either freshmen or sophomores. They will run behind a relatively inexperienced offensive line featuring five sophomores and juniors along the six-man front. The old man of the unit is senior center Erik Norgard.

Colorado's defensive woes last season began well before the first kickoff when two starters were tagged by a hit-and-run driver during spring break on South Padre Island in Texas. "Before spring break this year, I told the players not to walk on the shoulder of the road," McCartney said. Linebacker Don DeLuzio, one of the two players who learned a new meaning for bump-and-run, recovered last year in time to play, then broke a leg and missed the season. He's back for his senior season and is a key to a defense that must restock its entire secondary. Help should come from free safety Bruce Young, a 24-year-old junior college signee, and O. C. Oliver, a junior who led Colorado in rushing as a freshman.

So all is well in Colorado with McCartney, whose nice-guy image even meant not nominating any Buffs for Big Eight player of the week six times because his assistants weren't able to evaluate film in time to attend church on Sunday. And if McCartney can bring together an offense and defense that start two seniors apiece, he may have to fend off more suitors next spring.

Kansas

First things first for new coach Glen Mason. That "KANSAS" lettering on the sides of the Jayhawks' helmets had to go. In an effort to make Bob Valesente's Jayhawks look more like the New York Giants, all it did was make the Giants look more like Jayhawks.

The easy part accomplished, the former Ohio State linebacker now goes about the task of turning around a Kansas program that had all but ground to a halt with last season's 1-9-1 debacle. Only a score with 1:02 to play against I-AA Southern Illinois and Kansas State's equal futility in a 17-17 tie prevented Kansas from coming away 0-for-1987. Mason unwittingly provided a convincing résumé when he brought his Kent State Golden Flashes to Lawrence last fall and ripped the Jayhawks 31-17.

"You know things can't be too great or they wouldn't have made a change this soon," said Mason, who brings a 12-10 record from Kent State to replace Valesente, who was fired after two seasons. "We are down in numbers. I have been surprised by the lack of guys that have good speed." Indeed, the school that produced Gale Sayers and John Riggins hasn't had the Big Eight rushing leader since 1975, and that was a quarterback (Nolan Cromwell).

Last year was Kansas' sixth consecutive losing season. In losing to Oklahoma 71-10, the football Jayhawks almost allowed more points than their basketball counterparts did while stunning the Sooners 83-79 for the national title. Among the nation's 104 Division I football teams last season, Kansas was 102nd in total offense, 103rd in rushing defense, and 104th in scoring. Troubles continued off the field.

The restructuring of Kansas football has taken some ironic twists. Deposed Ohio State coach Earle Bruce had been offered the job, but turned it down when Kansas couldn't meet his terms. Another name mentioned was former Kansas quarterback and offensive coordinator John Hadl, who still owned a house in Lawrence. Instead, the coach would be Mason, who had been mentioned in the Ohio State search. And one of his first moves was to name Hadl as receivers coach.

Mason ran some Wishbone at Kent State, and while he doesn't figure to clone other Big Eight options, Kansas won't be strictly a drop-back offense any longer. "That's really not my cup of tea," Mason said. "It'll be some type of finesse offense because we don't have the kind of people who can line up and knock people off the ball."

Junior Kelly Donohoe (981 yards passing) returns at quarterback, but newcomers Tim Hill and Ron Page may be better suited for running the new offense. Of the incoming running backs, the best may be 5-8 freshman John Henry Johnson.

The leader of the defense is sophomore linebacker Curtis Moore, a walk-on who last season became the first freshman to lead the team in tackles in more than 20 years. Another returning starter is

senior free safety Clint Normore, a two-sport transfer from Wichita State who was a reserve on Larry Brown's national champions last season.

The closest Normore should come to a national champion this fall is the other side of the line of scrimmage. "Our goal is to improve," Mason said. "Improvement doesn't always spell success, but you can't do anything about that."

One thing is for sure, as Mason said. "We won't look like the Giants."

Iowa State

Second-year Cyclones coach Jim Walden leads the conference in veracity. Whether he's speaking at a boneless-chicken dinner in Davenport or a pep rally in Ames, he tells the home folks that things aren't well with Iowa State football and they don't figure to get much better this season.

"They're not going to hold me responsible for something I didn't tear down," said Walden, who was successful under similar circumstances in making Washington State respectable in the Pacific 10. "They know it takes time and we don't have the time to get ready. We probably need . . . to 1990. We won three [games last season]. That may be a great goal for the 1988 Cyclones, and I'd hate to have to pick who we could beat."

Walden received rude introductions last season from the two forces that combine to squeeze Iowa State football—state-rival Iowa and the usual Big Eight powers. Iowa thumped Iowa State 48-9. OU welcomed Iowa State with a 56-3 pasting. It was so

bad that Walden was actually encouraged with a 42-3 loss to Nebraska.

Games like those helped the 3-8 Cyclones finish next to last in the nation in total defense. And Walden doesn't sprinkle any sugar on the prospects for progress. "I am desperately nervous about whether we can improve on defense," he said. At least Iowa State figures to start all seniors and juniors on defense, led by senior strong safety Jeff Dole, who is also Iowa State's top punt returner (48 returns for 368 yards in his career). Despite Dole's play, the overall secondary needs to become better acquainted with Walden's defensive scheme the second time around. Only one starting linebacker returns, but three other experienced players—senior Anthony Hoskins and juniors Mike Shane and Charles Vondra—are back. Robert Landino and Phil Navarro, two of Iowa State's five junior college transfers, could also make contributions. The strength of the defensive line is returning tackles Alan Patten and Randy Bern.

Offensively, Iowa State boasts the conference's leading returning rusher in senior running back Joe Henderson. The good news is that he ran for 1,232 yards; the bad news is that more than one-third of those yards came against Kansas and Kansas State and he scored only five touchdowns. Walden must find a successor at quarterback to Brett Sadek (1,443 yards passing) to keep pressure off Henderson. The candidates include senior Derek DeGennaro, sophomore John Glotfelty, and junior college signee Bret Oberg. Whoever is the quarterback, the

top target should be senior split end Dennis Ross, whose 673 receiving yards last season ranked second in the league. "I don't know what kind of quarterback I want," Walden said. "I've always tried to fit the offense to the quarterback."

If Iowa State can stay close, it has an asset in sophomore placekicker Jeff Shudak. He hit a school-record 20 field goals last season.

Kansas State

Wildcats coach Stan Parrish tries to be optimistic amid the pessimism that has long hung over Manhattan, Kan. "The black cloud of negatives is the toughest thing to erase," he said.

The Wildcats lose their top two rushers and top six receivers from last season's 0-10-1 team that finished 101st in the nation in both scoring and scoring defense. This was a team that Barry Switzer flatly said "has no talent." K-State lost 59-10 to the Sooners, 56-3 to Nebraska, and 56-7 to Oklahoma State. After results like these, it's easy to understand why Iowa coach Hayden Fry called his Hawkeyes' 38-13 victory over the Wildcats "disappointing."

Parrish believes his team wouldn't have been so ripe for ridicule had it gotten off to a better start instead of the 26-22 loss to I-AA Austin Peay. "We've just got to get out of the gate with a few wins," he said. There is certainly a chance for that with a pre-Big Eight schedule that features another I-AA opponent (Louisiana Tech) and two I-A teams getting acquainted with new coaches (Tulsa and Tulane).

Senior Gary Swim (1,304 yards passing) gives the Wildcats a capable quarterback, but he must cut down on his 11 interceptions. Only three of the 13 players who caught passes for Kansas State return. Leading the new wave of wideouts should be seniors Lawrence Tolbert and Darrell Wyatt. The running game must be overhauled after losing tailback Tony Jordan and fullback Rick Lewis, who combined to rush for 1,053 of K-State's 1,394 yards on the ground. One of the possible successors is incoming freshman Antoine Dulan. The strongest part of the offense is the line, where senior offensive tackle Russ Strange (who didn't allow a sack last season) is one of three returning starters.

Defensively, the Wildcats look to their secondary, where they also return three starters. Junior strong safety Erick Harper led the secondary in tackles and led the team in interceptions (three, including a 64-yarder for a touchdown against Kansas) and fumble recoveries (three). The line-backing corps may include junior Maurice Henry, an often-injured running back during his first two seasons at Kansas State. Senior Jim Oehm should lead the defensive line.

Improvement in K-State's struggling kicking game could make a big difference. Senior placekicker Mark Porter is back, having hit on eight of 15 field goal attempts last season.

Parrish must contend with one of the bleakest football traditions in the country. Never mind winning a conference title—the program has had only two winning seasons since 1954. One required former coach Jim Dickey to redshirt virtually an entire junior class, resulting in the school's only bowl bid (the 1982 Independence Bowl). K-State isn't even close to having a winning overall record against any Big Eight school, going 111-338-20 in league play. It will take a drastic turnaround for the rest of the league not to write the next chapter of "I'll Take Manhattan." ■ —Jeff Miller



Adrian Jones (No. 2) is one of two returning defensive backs for Missouri.

1988 NCAA Major College Schedules

Scores are from 1987 (if those teams played each other); opponent's score for each game is listed second. 1987 records include bowl games.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Coach: John Payne
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	No. Colorado	30-35
Sep 17	E. Central Oklahoma	
Oct 1	at East. New Mexico	13-17
Oct 8	at Central St.	38-14
Oct 15	Angelo St.	24-45
Oct 22	at Cameron	3-18
Oct 29	E. Texas St.	38-10
Nov 5	at Texas A&I	28-35
Nov 12	W. Texas St.	27-17

AIR FORCE

Coach: Fisher DeBerry
1987 Record: 9-4-0

Sep 3	at Colorado St.	27-19
Sep 10	at San Diego St.	49-7
Sep 17	Northwestern	
Sep 24	Wyoming	13-27
Oct 1	New Mexico	73-26
Oct 8	Navy	23-13
Oct 15	at Utah	48-27
Oct 22	at Notre Dame	14-35
Nov 5	at Army	27-10
Nov 12	BYU	13-24
Nov 19	at UTEP	35-7
Nov 26	at Hawaii	34-31

AKRON

Coach: Gerry Faust
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	at No. Illinois	27-21
Sep 10	at Kent St.	23-27
Sep 17	Cent. Michigan	
Sep 24	at New Mexico	
Oct 1	at Youngstown St.	6-10
Oct 8	Arkansas St.	
Oct 15	at Auburn	
Oct 22	Long Beach St.	
Oct 29	Cal State-Fullerton	
Nov 5	New Mexico St.	
Nov 12	Temple	3-23

ALABAMA

Coach: Bill Curry
1987 Record: 7-5-0

Sep 10	at Temple	
Sep 17	at Texas A&M	
Sep 24	Vanderbilt	30-23
Oct 1	at Kentucky	
Oct 8	Mississippi	
Oct 15	at Tennessee	41-22
Oct 22	Penn St.	24-13
Oct 29	at Mississippi St.	21-18
Nov 5	Louisiana St.	22-10
Nov 12	SW Louisiana	38-10
Nov 25	Auburn	0-10

APPALACHIAN STATE

Coach: Sparky Woods
1987 Record: 11-3-0

Sep 3	The Citadel	27-17
Sep 10	at James Madison	17-10

Sep 24	Gardner-Webb	
Oct 1	at Marshall	17-10
Oct 8	at VMI	27-10
Oct 15	Furman	16-8
Oct 22	E. Tennessee St.	28-9
Nov 5	West. Carolina	33-13
Nov 12	at UT-Chattanooga	17-3
Nov 19	at Wake Forest	12-16

ARIZONA

Coach: Dick Tomey
1987 Record: 4-4-3

Sep 3	at Oregon St.	23-23
Sep 10	Texas Tech	
Sep 17	at Oklahoma	
Sep 24	Eastern Michigan	
Oct 1	USC	10-12
Oct 15	Washington State	28-45
Oct 22	UCLA	24-34
Oct 29	California	23-23
Nov 5	at Washington	21-21
Nov 12	Oregon	
Nov 26	Arizona St.	24-24

ARIZONA STATE

Coach: Larry Marmie
1987 Record: 7-4-1

Sep 10	Illinois	21-7
Sep 17	Colorado St.	
Sep 24	at Nebraska	28-35
Oct 1	New Mexico	
Oct 8	Washington	14-27
Oct 15	at Stanford	
Oct 22	at Washington St.	38-7
Oct 29	at Oregon	37-13
Nov 5	Oregon St.	30-21
Nov 12	USC	
Nov 26	at Arizona	24-24

ARKANSAS

Coach: Ken Hatfield
1987 Record: 9-4-0

Sep 3	Pacific	
Sep 10	Tulsa	30-15
Sep 17	Mississippi	31-10
Oct 1	TCU	20-10
Oct 8	Texas Tech	31-0
Oct 15	at Texas	14-16
Oct 22	at Houston	21-17
Oct 29	Rice	38-14
Nov 5	at Baylor	10-7
Nov 12	Texas A&M	0-14
Nov 26	at Miami	7-51

ARKANSAS STATE

Coach: Larry Lacewell
1987 Record: 8-4-1

Sep 3	Delta St.	
Sep 10	at Memphis St.	21-21
Sep 17	at N. Texas St.	27-20
Sep 24	NE Louisiana	21-31
Oct 1	So. Illinois	33-9
Oct 8	Akron	
Oct 15	Mississippi	10-47
Oct 22	Lamar	34-20

Oct 29	Louisiana Tech	37-3
Nov 5	Illinois St.	
Nov 19	SW Louisiana	

ARMY

Coach: Jim Young
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	Holy Cross	24-34
Sep 17	at Washington	
Sep 24	Northwestern	
Oct 1	Bucknell	
Oct 8	at Yale	
Oct 15	Lafayette	49-37
Oct 22	at Rutgers*	14-27
Nov 5	Air Force	10-27
Nov 12	Vanderbilt	
Nov 19	Boston College*	24-29
Dec 3	Navy*	17-3
*at East Rutherford, N.J.		
*at Dublin, Ireland		
*at Philadelphia		

AUBURN

Coach: Pat Dye
1987 Record: 9-1-2

Sep 10	Kentucky	
Sep 17	Kansas	49-0
Sep 24	Tennessee	20-20
Oct 1	N. Carolina	20-10
Oct 8	at LSU	
Oct 15	Akron	
Oct 22	Mississippi St.	38-7
Oct 29	at Florida	29-6
Nov 5	So. Mississippi	
Nov 12	Georgia	27-11
Nov 25	at Alabama	10-0

AUSTIN PEAY

Coach: Paul Brewster
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 3	Kentucky St.	
Sep 10	at East. Illinois	
Sep 17	at Cincinnati	10-42
Oct 1	at West. Kentucky	0-27
Oct 8	East. Kentucky	7-50
Oct 15	at Toledo	
Oct 22	Middle Tennessee	16-38
Oct 29	at Morehead St.	20-13
Nov 5	Tennessee St.	
Nov 12	at Tennessee Tech	9-14
Nov 19	Murray St.	0-40

BALL STATE

Coach: Paul Schudel
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	Toledo	17-21
Sep 10	at Bowling Green	0-24
Sep 17	Massachusetts	
Oct 1	Miami	20-30
Oct 8	at Kent St.	24-23
Oct 15	East. Michigan	28-35
Oct 22	at Cent. Michigan	13-3
Oct 29	at No. Illinois	42-17
Nov 5	West. Michigan	16-31

Nov 12	at Ohio U.	30-17
Nov 17	Indiana St.	23-24

BAYLOR

Coach: Grant Teaff
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	UNLV	21-14
Sep 10	at Kansas	
Sep 17	at Iowa St.	
Sep 24	at Texas Tech	36-22
Oct 1	Houston	30-18
Oct 8	SW Texas St.	36-15
Oct 15	at Texas A&M	10-34
Oct 22	at TCU	0-24
Nov 5	Arkansas	7-10
Nov 12	at Rice	34-31
Nov 19	Texas	16-34

BOISE STATE

Coach: Skip Hall
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	at Long Beach St.	
Sep 10	Sam Houston St.	
Sep 17	at No. Arizona	48-18
Sep 24	at East. Washington	38-13
Oct 1	Weber St.	44-55
Oct 15	at Montana St.	35-13
Oct 22	Montana	3-12
Oct 29	Nevada-Reno	36-31
Nov 5	at Idaho St.	32-35
Nov 12	East. Illinois	
Nov 19	Idaho	34-40

BOSTON COLLEGE

Coach: Jack Bicknell
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 1	USC	17-23
Sep 10	Cincinnati	
Sep 17	at Penn St.	17-27
Sep 24	at TCU	38-20
Oct 1	Pittsburgh	13-10
Oct 15	Rutgers	24-38
Oct 22	at W. Virginia	16-37
Nov 5	at Tennessee	20-18
Nov 12	Syracuse	17-45
Nov 19	Army*	29-24
Nov 26	at Temple	28-7
*at Dublin, Ireland		

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Chris Palmer
1987 Record: 3-9-0

Sep 10	at Rhode Island	
Sep 17	James Madison	
Sep 24	Villanova	7-14
Oct 1	at Massachusetts	7-10
Oct 8	at Maine	19-33
Oct 16	Richmond*	24-33
Oct 22	at The Citadel	7-34
Oct 29	New Hampshire	20-27
Nov 5	at Harvard	
Nov 12	Connecticut	31-7
Nov 19	at Delaware	10-17
*at London		

BOWLING GREENCoach: Moe Ankney
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	at West Virginia	
Sep 10	Ball St.	24-0
Sep 17	at TCU	
Sep 24	at Toledo	20-6
Oct 1	at West. Michigan	27-34
Oct 8	Ohio U.	28-7
Oct 15	at Cent. Michigan	18-17
Oct 22	Youngstown St.	17-20
Oct 29	Miami	7-17
Nov 5	at Kent St.	30-20
Nov 12	East. Michigan	18-38

BRIGHAM YOUNGCoach: LaVell Edwards
1987 Record: 9-4-0

Sep 1	at Wyoming	27-29
Sep 8	Texas	22-17
Sep 17	UTEP	37-24
Sep 30	Utah St.	45-24
Oct 8	Colorado St.	30-26
Oct 15	TCU	33-12
Oct 22	at Hawaii	18-14
Oct 29	New Mexico	45-25
Nov 5	at San Diego St.	38-21
Nov 12	at Air Force	24-13
Nov 19	at Utah	21-18
Dec 3	at Miami, Fla.	

BROWNCoach: John Rosenberg
1987 Record: 7-3-0

Sep 17	Yale	17-7
Sep 24	at Rhode Island	17-15
Oct 1	at Princeton	13-7
Oct 8	Pennsylvania	17-38
Oct 15	at Cornell	23-15
Oct 22	Holy Cross	0-41
Oct 29	at Harvard	9-14
Nov 5	Maine	
Nov 12	Dartmouth	19-0
Nov 19	at Columbia	19-16

BUCKNELLCoach: George Landis
1987 Record: 4-5-1

Sep 10	Villanova	
Sep 17	Colgate	28-31
Sep 24	at Pennsylvania	34-24
Oct 1	at Army	
Oct 8	Lafayette	21-42
Oct 15	Princeton	
Oct 22	at Columbia	62-20
Oct 29	Davidson	34-3
Nov 5	at Lehigh	21-21
Nov 12	at Holy Cross	10-48

CALIFORNIACoach: Bruce Snyder
1987 Record: 3-6-2

Sep 10	Pacific	42-0
Sep 17	at Oregon St.	
Sep 24	Kansas	
Oct 1	San Jose St.	25-27
Oct 8	at Washington St.	17-17
Oct 15	UCLA	18-42
Oct 22	Temple	
Oct 29	at Arizona	23-23
Nov 5	at USC	14-31
Nov 12	at Washington	
Nov 19	Stanford	7-31

CANISIUSCoach: Tom Hersey
1987 Record: 6-3-1

Sep 10	at Buffalo St.	49-0
Sep 17	St. John Fisher	34-0
Sep 24	St. Lawrence	21-7
Oct 1	at Rochester	0-19
Oct 8	Buffalo	20-14
Oct 15	Brockport St.	14-10
Oct 22	at Hobart	35-0
Oct 29	at Cortland St.	23-29
Nov 5	at Alfred	21-21

CENTRAL MICHIGANCoach: Herb Deromedi
1987 Record: 5-5-0

Sep 3	at Kentucky	
Sep 17	at Akron	
Sep 24	Montana St.	
Oct 1	Kent St.	30-33
Oct 8	at East. Michigan	16-34
Oct 15	Bowling Green	20-10
Oct 22	Ball St.	43-22
Oct 29	at West. Michigan	18-10

Nov 5	Ohio	56-27
Nov 12	at Toledo	14-26
Nov 19	at Miami, O.	21-59

CINCINNATICoach: Dave Currey
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 10	at Boston College	
Sep 17	Austin Peay	42-10
Sep 24	at Miami, O.	31-26
Oct 1	at Rutgers	7-10
Oct 8	at Penn St.	0-41
Oct 15	Virginia Tech	20-21
Oct 22	at Miami, Fla.	10-48
Oct 29	Louisville	25-0
Nov 5	W. Virginia	17-45
Nov 12	Indiana St.	16-40
Nov 19	E. Carolina	28-56

THE CITADELCoach: Charlie Taaffe
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	at Appalachian St.	17-27
Sep 10	Presbyterian	27-12
Sep 17	at Duke	
Sep 24	Navy	
Oct 1	at W. Carolina	38-24
Oct 15	UT-Chattanooga	19-22
Oct 22	Boston U.	34-7
Oct 29	E. Tennessee St.	21-24
Nov 5	Marshall	
Nov 12	VMI	3-7
Nov 19	at Furman	13-58

CLEMSONCoach: Danny Ford
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Sep 3	Virginia Tech	22-10
Sep 10	Furman	
Sep 17	Florida St.	
Sep 24	at Georgia Tech	33-12
Oct 8	at Virginia	38-21
Oct 15	Duke	17-10
Oct 22	at N. Carolina St.	28-30
Oct 29	at Wake Forest	31-17
Nov 5	N. Carolina	13-10
Nov 12	at Maryland	45-16
Nov 19	S. Carolina	7-20

COLGATECoach: Mike Foley
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 10	New Hampshire	
Sep 17	at Bucknell	31-28
Sep 24	at Cornell	27-3
Oct 1	Lafayette	35-14
Oct 8	at Lehigh	6-7
Oct 15	at Pennsylvania	
Oct 22	Davidson	
Oct 29	Holy Cross	7-49
Nov 5	at Princeton	39-15
Nov 12	at William & Mary	19-7
Nov 19	at Rutgers	

COLORADOCoach: Bill McCartney
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 10	Fresno St.	
Sep 17	at Iowa	
Sep 24	Oregon St.	
Oct 1	at Colorado St.	29-16
Oct 8	Oklahoma St.	17-42
Oct 15	at Kansas	35-10
Oct 22	Oklahoma	6-24
Oct 29	Iowa St.	42-10
Nov 5	at Missouri	27-10
Nov 12	at Nebraska	7-24
Nov 19	Kansas St.	41-0

COLORADO STATECoach: Leon Fuller
1987 Record: 1-11-0

Sep 3	Air Force	19-26
Sep 10	Hawaii	38-39
Sep 17	at Arizona St.	
Oct 1	Colorado	16-29
Oct 8	at BYU	26-30
Oct 15	at UTEP	6-45
Oct 22	San Diego St.	12-26
Oct 29	Wyoming	15-20
Nov 5	at Utah	23-24
Nov 12	at New Mexico	35-13
Nov 19	at Tulsa	

COLUMBIACoach: Larry McElreavy
1987 Record: 0-10-0

Sep 17	at Harvard	0-35
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Sep 24	Lafayette	7-38
Oct 1	at Pennsylvania	0-23
Oct 8	Princeton	8-38
Oct 15	at Yale	13-27
Oct 22	Bucknell	20-62
Oct 29	at Lehigh	10-26
Nov 5	at Dartmouth	10-12
Nov 12	Cornell	20-31
Nov 19	Brown	16-19

CONNECTICUTCoach: Tom Jackson
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 10	Richmond	21-14
Sep 17	at New Hampshire	31-21
Sep 24	at Yale	27-30
Oct 1	at Northeastern	12-20
Oct 8	Villanova	34-23
Oct 15	at Massachusetts	21-17
Oct 22	Maine	28-32
Oct 29	So. Connecticut	38-21
Nov 5	at Delaware	20-19
Nov 12	at Boston U.	7-31
Nov 19	Rhode Island	52-7

CORNELLCoach: Maxie Baughan
1987 Record: 5-5-0

Sep 17	Princeton	6-23
Sep 24	Colgate	3-27
Oct 1	at Lehigh	
Oct 8	at Harvard	29-17
Oct 15	Brown	15-23
Oct 22	at Dartmouth	21-14
Oct 29	at Lafayette	17-12
Nov 5	Yale	9-28
Nov 12	at Columbia	31-20
Nov 19	Pennsylvania	17-13

DARTMOUTHCoach: Buddy Teevens
1987 Record: 2-8-0

Sep 17	Pennsylvania	7-49
Sep 24	Lehigh	
Oct 1	at Davidson	38-7
Oct 8	at Holy Cross	23-62
Oct 15	Harvard	3-42
Oct 22	Cornell	14-21
Oct 29	at Yale	7-17
Nov 5	Columbia	12-10
Nov 12	at Brown	0-19
Nov 19	at Princeton	3-34

DAVIDSONCoach: Vic Gatto
1987 Record: 1-10-0

Sep 3	Presbyterian	7-24
Sep 10	Lehigh	0-47
Sep 24	at Fordham	
Oct 1	Dartmouth	7-38
Oct 8	Wofford	10-0
Oct 15	at Guilford	
Oct 22	at Colgate	
Oct 29	at Bucknell	3-34
Nov 12	Lafayette	10-38

DAYTONCoach: Mike Kelly
1987 Record: 11-3-0

Sep 10	Wittenberg	
Sep 17	Georgetown	
Sep 24	Butler	10-15
Oct 1	at Drake	28-6
Oct 8	Catholic	
Oct 15	at Mercyhurst	24-14
Oct 22	Ferris St.	
Oct 29	Wisconsin-Stout	
Nov 5	Valparaiso	
Nov 12	at Evansville	

DELAWARECoach: Harold Raymond
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	at Navy	17-10
Sep 17	Rhode Island	13-26
Sep 24	at Richmond	21-28
Oct 1	at New Hampshire	21-45
Oct 8	William & Mary	38-14
Oct 15	at Villanova	
Oct 22	Massachusetts	37-34
Oct 29	at Maine	56-59
Nov 5	Connecticut	18-20
Nov 12	West Chester	28-21
Nov 19	Boston U.	17-10

DUKECoach: Steve Spurrier
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	at Northwestern	31-16
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Sep 10	at Tennessee	
Sep 17	The Citadel	
Sep 24	Virginia	17-42
Oct 1	at Vanderbilt	35-31
Oct 15	at Clemson	10-17
Oct 22	Maryland	22-23
Oct 29	at Georgia Tech	48-14
Nov 5	Wake Forest	27-30
Nov 12	N. Carolina St.	45-47
Nov 19	N. Carolina	25-10

EAST CAROLINACoach: Art Baker
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	Tenn. Tech	
Sep 10	at Virginia Tech	32-23
Sep 17	at S. Carolina	12-34
Sep 24	So. Mississippi	34-38
Oct 1	SW Louisiana	
Oct 8	W. Virginia	0-49
Oct 15	at Florida St.	3-44
Oct 22	Syracuse	
Oct 29	Miami, Fla.	3-41
Nov 5	at Temple	31-26
Nov 19	at Cincinnati	56-28

EAST TENNESSEE STATECoach: Don Riley
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	VMI	13-20
Sep 10	Wofford	10-6
Sep 17	at W. Carolina	20-37
Sep 24	Cent. Florida	
Oct 1	at UT-Chattanooga	34-14
Oct 8	at N. Carolina St.	29-14
Oct 15	Marshall	7-27
Oct 22	at Appalachian St.	9-28
Oct 29	at The Citadel	24-21
Nov 12	Furman	13-24
Nov 19	at James Madison	24-28

EASTERN KENTUCKYCoach: Roy Kidd
1987 Record: 9-3-0

Sep 10	Delaware St.	
Sep 17	at Marshall	37-34
Sep 24	at W. Kentucky	20-10
Oct 1	Tennessee St.	
Oct 8	at Austin Peay	50-7
Oct 15	Tennessee Tech	44-8
Oct 22	at W. Carolina	
Oct 29	at Murray St.	29-21
Nov 5	Middle Tennessee	16-17
Nov 12	Cent. Florida	23-16
Nov 19	Morehead St.	23-0

EASTERN MICHIGANCoach: Jim Harkema
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Sep 3	Miami, O.	33-17
Sep 10	at Youngstown St.	35-20
Sep 17	Kent St.	23-21
Sep 24	at Arizona	
Oct 8	Cent. Michigan	6-16
Oct 15	at Ball St.	35-28
Oct 22	West. Michigan	23-17
Oct 29	at Ohio	34-16
Nov 5	Toledo	38-9
Nov 12	at Bowling Green	38-18

EVANSVILLECoach: Dave Moore
1987 Record: 4-5-1

Sep 10	Cumberland	21-26
Sep 17	at Kent. Wesleyan	55-0
Sep 24	Union Coll.	43-0
Oct 1	at Georgetown Coll.	7-3
Oct 15	at Rose-Hulman	
Oct 22	Franklin Coll.	47-41
Oct 29	at Valparaiso	14-28
Nov 12	Dayton	
Nov 19	at Campbellsville	

FLORIDACoach: Galen Hall
1987 Record: 6-6-0

Sep 3	Montana St.	
Sep 10	at Mississippi	
Sep 17	Indiana St.	
Sep 24	Mississippi St.	38-3
Oct 1	LSU	10-13
Oct 8	Memphis St.	
Oct 15	at Vanderbilt	
Oct 29	Auburn	6-29
Nov 5	at Georgia	10-23
Nov 12	at Kentucky	27-14
Nov 26	at Florida St.	14-28

FLORIDA STATECoach: Bobby Bowden
1987 Record: 11-1-0

Sep 3	at Miami, Fla.	25-26
Sep 10	So. Mississippi	61-10
Sep 17	at Clemson	
Sep 24	Michigan St.	31-3
Oct 1	at Tulane	73-14
Oct 8	Georgia Southern	
Oct 15	E. Carolina	44-3
Oct 22	Louisiana Tech	
Nov 5	at S. Carolina	
Nov 12	Virginia Tech	
Nov 26	Florida	28-14

FORDHAMCoach: Larry Glueck
1987 Record: 11-1-0

Sep 3	USMMA	14-9
Sep 17	at Catholic	13-7
Sep 24	Davidson	
Oct 1	at St. John's	34-23
Oct 8	Albany St.	14-20
Oct 15	Franklin & Marshall	20-16
Oct 22	at Stony Brook	14-6
Nov 5	Pace	45-26
Nov 12	at C.W. Post	30-7

FRESNO STATECoach: Jim Sweeney
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	at New Mexico	
Sep 10	at Colorado	
Sep 17	New Mexico St.	34-10
Sep 24	McNeese St.	
Oct 1	at Oregon St.	
Oct 8	at Fullerton St.	21-17
Oct 15	Utah St.	13-17
Oct 22	at San Jose St.	16-20
Nov 5	Pacific	22-23
Nov 12	at UNLV	45-10
Nov 19	Long Beach St.	30-7

FULLERTON STATECoach: Gene Murphy
1987 Record: 6-6-0

Sep 3	at SW Louisiana	
Sep 10	at W. Virginia	
Sep 17	at UNLV	28-14
Sep 24	Pacific	14-22
Oct 1	at Wyoming	
Oct 8	Fresno St.	17-21
Oct 15	at Long Beach St.	31-12
Oct 22	at New Mexico St.	48-14
Oct 29	at Akron	
Nov 5	San Jose St.	19-46
Nov 12	Utah St.	30-11

FURMANCoach: Jimmy Satterfield
1987 Record: 7-2-2

Sep 3	S. Carolina St.	34-7
Sep 10	at Clemson	
Sep 17	Presbyterian	45-31
Sep 24	Newberry	
Oct 1	VMI	34-3
Oct 8	at Marshall	38-10
Oct 15	at Appalachian St.	17-17
Oct 22	W. Carolina	13-19
Nov 5	at UT-Chattanooga	21-10
Nov 12	at E. Tennessee St.	13-25
Nov 19	The Citadel	37-14

GEORGIACoach: Vince Dooley
1987 Record: 9-3-0

Sep 3	Tennessee	
Sep 10	TCU	
Sep 17	at Mississippi St.	
Sep 24	at S. Carolina	13-6
Oct 1	Mississippi	31-14
Oct 8	Vanderbilt	52-21
Oct 22	at Kentucky	17-14
Oct 29	William & Mary	
Nov 5	at Florida	23-10
Nov 12	at Auburn	11-27
Nov 26	Georgia Tech	30-16

GEORGIA TECHCoach: Bobby Ross
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 10	UT-Chattanooga	
Sep 17	at Virginia	14-23
Sep 24	Clemson	12-33
Oct 1	N. Carolina St.	0-17
Oct 8	at Maryland	
Oct 15	S. Carolina	

Oct 22	at N. Carolina	23-30
Oct 29	Duke	14-48
Nov 5	VMI	
Nov 12	at Wake Forest	6-33
Nov 26	at Georgia	16-30

HARVARDCoach: Mike Getman
1987 Record: 8-2-0

Sep 17	Columbia	35-0
Sep 24	Massachusetts	
Oct 1	at Holy Cross	6-41
Oct 8	Cornell	17-29
Oct 15	at Dartmouth	42-3
Oct 22	at Princeton	24-19
Oct 29	Brown	14-9
Nov 5	Boston U.	
Nov 12	at Pennsylvania	31-14
Nov 19	Yale	14-10

HAWAIICoach: Bob Wagner
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	Iowa	
Sep 10	at Colorado St.	39-38
Sep 17	San Jose St.	
Sep 24	at Utah	25-14
Oct 8	UTEP	13-37
Oct 15	at San Diego St.	21-29
Oct 22	BYU	14-16
Oct 29	Long Beach St.	
Nov 5	New Mexico	41-31
Nov 19	Wyoming	20-24
Nov 26	Air Force	31-34
Dec 3	Oregon	

HOFSTRACoach: Mickey Kwiatkowski
1987 Record: 9-1-0

Sep 3	at Pace	
Sep 17	at Stony Brook	24-3
Sep 23	Long Island	
Oct 1	Buffalo St.	
Oct 8	at Gettysburg	
Oct 15	at Wagner	35-28
Oct 22	Washington	57-10
Oct 29	Albany St.	24-13
Nov 5	Hobart	20-6
Nov 12	at USMMA	35-14

HOLY CROSSCoach: Mark Duffner
1987 Record: 11-0-0

Sep 3	Rhode Island	
Sep 10	at Army	34-24
Sep 17	at Lafayette	40-11
Sep 24	at Princeton	
Oct 1	Harvard	41-6
Oct 8	Dartmouth	62-23
Oct 15	Lehigh	63-6
Oct 22	at Brown	41-0
Oct 29	at Colgate	49-7
Nov 12	Bucknell	48-10
Nov 19	Northeastern	

HOUSTONCoach: Jack Pardee
1987 Record: 4-6-1

Sep 10	at Louisiana Tech	
Sep 17	at Missouri	18-30
Oct 1	at Baylor	17-22
Oct 8	Texas A&M	
Oct 15	Tulsa	
Oct 22	Arkansas	17-21
Oct 29	TCU	7-35
Nov 5	at Texas	60-40
Nov 12	Wyoming	35-37
Nov 19	at Texas Tech	10-10
Nov 26	Rice	45-21

IDAHOCoach: Keith Gilbertson
1987 Record: 9-3-0

Sep 10	Portland St.	17-10
Sep 17	at Pacific	
Sep 24	at Montana	31-25
Oct 1	No. Arizona	46-37
Oct 8	Montana St.	14-7
Oct 15	at E. Washington	31-24
Oct 22	Weber St.	41-38
Nov 5	at Nevada-Reno	38-28
Nov 12	Idaho St.	21-30
Nov 19	at Boise St.	40-34

IDAHO STATECoach: Garth Hall
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 10	at Utah	16-51
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Sep 17	Montana	0-63
Sep 24	Calif.-Northridge	
Oct 1	at Montana St.	52-33
Oct 8	at Weber St.	37-53
Oct 15	at Oregon	
Oct 22	at No. Arizona	23-32
Oct 29	E. Washington	14-44
Nov 5	Boise St.	35-32
Nov 12	at Idaho	30-21
Nov 19	Nevada-Reno	19-40

ILLINOISCoach: John Mackovic
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 3	Washington St.	
Sep 10	at Arizona St.	7-21
Sep 17	Utah	
Oct 1	at Ohio St.	6-10
Oct 8	Purdue	3-9
Oct 15	at Wisconsin	16-14
Oct 22	Michigan St.	14-14
Oct 29	at Minnesota	27-17
Nov 5	Indiana	22-34
Nov 12	at Michigan	14-14
Nov 19	Northwestern	10-28

ILLINOIS STATECoach: Jim Heacock
1987 Record: 3-7-0

Sep 3	East. Illinois	9-15
Sep 10	at Wake Forest	
Sep 17	at West. Michigan	20-6
Sep 24	So. Illinois	7-38
Oct 1	Missouri-Rolla	
Oct 8	at West. Kentucky	
Oct 15	No. Iowa	17-48
Oct 22	at Indiana St.	3-10
Oct 29	at West. Illinois	22-31
Nov 5	at Arkansas St.	
Nov 12	SW Missouri St.	15-31

INDIANACoach: Bill Mallory
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 10	at Rice	35-13
Sep 17	Kentucky	15-34
Sep 24	at Missouri	20-17
Oct 1	at Northwestern	35-18
Oct 8	Ohio St.	31-10
Oct 15	Minnesota	18-17
Oct 22	at Michigan	14-10
Oct 29	Iowa	21-29
Nov 5	at Illinois	34-22
Nov 12	Michigan St.	3-27
Nov 19	at Purdue	35-14

INDIANA STATECoach: Dennis Raetz
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 10	Salem	55-0
Sep 17	at Florida	
Sep 24	West. Illinois	12-42
Oct 1	East. Illinois	14-20
Oct 8	SW Missouri St.	0-42
Oct 15	at So. Illinois	24-15
Oct 22	Illinois St.	3-10
Oct 29	at No. Iowa	14-38
Nov 5	at Youngstown St.	
Nov 12	at Cincinnati	40-16
Nov 19	Ball St.	24-23

IONACoach: Harold Crocker
1987 Record: 5-4-0

Sep 10	St. John's	31-33
Sep 17	at St. Peter's	27-0
Sep 24	Siena	
Oct 1	Stony Brook	
Oct 8	at RPI	21-6
Oct 15	at C.W. Post	28-29
Oct 22	at Pace	22-20
Oct 29	Fordham	13-38
Nov 5	at USMMA	43-13
Nov 12	Fairleigh Dickinson	23-10

IOWACoach: Hayden Fry
1987 Record: 10-3-0

Sep 3	at Hawaii	
Sep 10	at Kansas St.	38-13
Sep 17	Colorado	
Sep 24	Iowa St.	48-9
Oct 1	at Michigan St.	14-19
Oct 8	Wisconsin	31-10
Oct 15	Michigan	10-37
Oct 22	at Purdue	38-14
Oct 29	at Indiana	29-21
Nov 5	Northwestern	52-24

Nov 12	Ohio St.	29-27
Nov 19	at Minnesota	34-20

IOWA STATECoach: Jim Walden
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 10	Tulane	12-25
Sep 17	Baylor	
Sep 24	at Iowa	9-48
Oct 1	at Oklahoma	3-58
Oct 8	No. Iowa	39-38
Oct 15	at Missouri	17-42
Oct 22	Kansas	42-21
Oct 29	at Colorado	10-42
Nov 5	Nebraska	3-42
Nov 12	at Kansas St.	16-14
Nov 19	Oklahoma St.	17-49

JAMES MADISONCoach: Joe Purzycki
1987 Record: 9-3-0

Sep 3	at Navy	
Sep 10	Appalachian St.	10-17
Sep 17	at Boston U.	
Sep 24	William & Mary	28-22
Oct 1	Liberty	
Oct 15	at Northeastern	13-3
Oct 22	VMI	20-17
Oct 29	at Towson St.	21-19
Nov 5	Georgia Southern	26-7
Nov 12	at Richmond	41-3
Nov 19	at Virginia Tech	

KANSASCoach: Glen Mason
1987 Record: 1-9-1

Sep 10	Baylor	
Sep 17	Auburn	0-49
Sep 24	at California	
Oct 1	New Mexico St.	
Oct 8	Nebraska	2-54
Oct 15	Colorado	10-35
Oct 22	at Iowa St.	21-42
Oct 29	at Oklahoma	10-71
Nov 5	Kansas St.	17-17
Nov 12	at Oklahoma St.	17-49
Nov 19	Missouri	7-19

KANSAS STATECoach: Stan Parrish
1987 Record: 0-10-1

Sep 3	at Tulsa	25-37
Sep 10	Iowa	13-38
Sep 17	at Tulane	
Sep 24	Louisiana Tech	
Oct 1	Missouri	10-34
Oct 15	at Oklahoma	10-59
Oct 22	Nebraska	3-56
Oct 29	Oklahoma St.	7-56
Nov 5	at Kansas	17-17
Nov 12	Iowa St.	14-16
Nov 19	at Colorado	0-41

KENT STATECoach: Dick Crum
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 3	Youngstown St.	
Sep 10	Akron	27-23
Sep 17	at E. Michigan	21-23
Sep 24	at Kentucky	
Oct 1	C. Michigan	24-21
Oct 8	Ball St.	23-24
Oct 15	at W. Michigan	27-13
Oct 22	Ohio U.	24-10
Oct 29	at Toledo	17-13
Nov 5	Bowling Green	20-30
Nov 12	at Miami, O.	14-10

KENTUCKYCoach: Jerry Claiborne
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	Cent. Michigan	
Sep 10	at Auburn	
Sep 17	at Indiana	34-15
Sep 24	Kent St.	
Oct 1	Alabama	
Oct 15	at LSU	9-34
Oct 22	Georgia	14-17
Oct 29	So. Illinois	
Nov 5	Vanderbilt	29-38
Nov 12	Florida	14-27
Nov 19	at Tennessee	22-24

LAFAYETTECoach: Bill Russo
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 10	Kutztown	29-17
Sep 17	Holy Cross	11-40

Sep 24	at Columbia	38-7
Oct 1	at Colgate	14-35
Oct 8	at Bucknell	42-21
Oct 15	at Army	37-49
Oct 22	Mercyhurst	
Oct 29	Cornell	12-17
Nov 5	Pennsylvania	14-23
Nov 12	at Davidson	38-10
Nov 19	Lehigh	10-17

LONG BEACH STATE

Coach: Larry Reisbig
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	Boise St.	
Sep 10	at Oregon	
Sep 17	at UCLA	
Oct 1	Pacific	9-6
Oct 8	at Utah St.	14-17
Oct 15	Fullerton St.	12-31
Oct 22	at Akron	
Oct 29	at Hawaii	
Nov 5	at San Jose St.	16-44
Nov 12	at New Mexico St.	33-6
Nov 19	at Fresno St.	7-30
Nov 26	UNLV	17-30

LOUISIANA STATE

Coach: Mike Archer
1987 Record: 10-1-1

Sep 3	Texas A&M	17-3
Sep 17	at Tennessee	
Sep 24	at Ohio St.	13-13
Oct 1	at Florida	13-10
Oct 8	Auburn	
Oct 15	Kentucky	34-9
Oct 29	Mississippi	42-13
Nov 5	at Alabama	10-22
Nov 12	at Mississippi St.	34-14
Nov 19	Miami	
Nov 26	Tulane	41-36

LOUISIANA TECH

Coach: A. L. Williams
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	at Mississippi St.	13-14
Sep 10	Houston	
Sep 17	at Wyoming	
Sep 24	Nicholls St.	
Oct 1	at Kansas St.	
Oct 8	SW Louisiana	
Oct 22	at Florida St.	
Oct 29	Arkansas St.	3-37
Nov 5	at Texas A&M	3-32
Nov 12	So. Mississippi	
Nov 19	at NE Louisiana	7-41

LOUISVILLE

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 3	at Maryland	
Sep 10	Wyoming	
Sep 17	Memphis St.	8-43
Sep 24	at N. Carolina	
Oct 1	at South. Mississippi	6-65
Oct 8	Tulsa	22-26
Oct 15	Virginia	
Oct 22	at Tulane	42-40
Oct 29	at Cincinnati	0-25
Nov 5	Virginia Tech	
Nov 12	West. Kentucky	

MAINE

Coach: Tim Murphy
1987 Record: 7-5-0

Sep 10	at Massachusetts	31-14
Sep 17	Northeastern	17-21
Sep 24	New Hampshire	28-14
Oct 1	at Richmond	7-17
Oct 8	Boston U.*	33-19
Oct 15	Rhode Island	24-20
Oct 22	at Connecticut	32-28
Oct 29	Delaware	59-56
Nov 5	at Brown	
Nov 12	at Towson St.	
Nov 19	at Villanova	
*at Portland, Maine		

MARSHALL

Coach: George Champ
1987 Record: 10-5-0

Sep 3	at Morehead St.	29-0
Sep 10	Ohio U.	15-23
Sep 17	East. Kentucky	34-37
Sep 24	at VMI	42-7
Oct 8	Furman	36-42
Oct 15	at E. Tennessee St.	27-7
Oct 22	UT-Chattanooga	28-26
Oct 29	Appalachian St.	10-17
Nov 5	at The Citadel	

Nov 12	at West. Carolina	47-16
Nov 19	at Youngstown St.	38-13

MARYLAND

Coach: Joe Krivak
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	Louisville	
Sep 17	at W. Virginia	25-20
Sep 24	N. Carolina St.	14-42
Oct 1	at Syracuse	11-25
Oct 8	Georgia Tech	
Oct 15	Wake Forest	14-0
Oct 22	at Duke	23-22
Oct 29	at N. Carolina	14-27
Nov 5	at Penn St.	16-21
Nov 12	Clemson	16-45
Nov 19	at Virginia	21-19

MASSACHUSETTS

Coach: Jim Reid
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 10	Maine	14-31
Sep 17	at Ball St.	
Sep 24	at Harvard	
Oct 1	Boston U.	10-7
Oct 8	at Rhode Island	42-7
Oct 15	Connecticut	17-21
Oct 22	at Delaware	34-37
Oct 29	Northeastern	27-7
Nov 5	at Richmond	51-52
Nov 12	Villanova	27-44
Nov 19	at New Hampshire	10-17

MCNEESE ST.

Coach: Sonny Jackson
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 3	Mississippi Coll.	
Sep 10	NE Louisiana	10-37
Sep 17	Toledo	
Sep 24	at Fresno St.	7-29
Oct 1	at Nicholls St.	3-39
Oct 8	at Northwestern St.	16-38
Oct 15	at N. Texas St.	10-26
Oct 22	at SW Texas St.	
Nov 5	Sam Houston St.	20-8
Nov 12	at Stephen Austin	
Nov 19	Lamar	44-36

MEMPHIS STATE

Coach: Charlie Bailey
1987 Record: 5-5-1

Sep 3	at Mississippi	16-10
Sep 10	Arkansas St.	21-21
Sep 17	at Louisville	43-8
Sep 24	at Tulane	45-36
Oct 1	Mississippi St.	6-9
Oct 8	at Florida	
Oct 22	Tennessee	
Oct 29	at So. Mississippi	14-17
Nov 5	SW Louisiana	7-31
Nov 12	Tulsa	14-0
Nov 19	Vanderbilt	17-27

MIAMI, FLA.

Coach: Jimmy Johnson
1987 Record: 12-0-0

Sep 3	Florida St.	26-25
Sep 17	at Michigan	
Sep 24	Wisconsin	
Oct 1	Missouri	
Oct 15	at Notre Dame	24-0
Oct 22	Cincinnati	48-10
Oct 29	at E. Carolina	41-3
Nov 5	Tulsa	
Nov 19	at LSU	
Nov 26	Arkansas	51-7
Dec 3	BYU	

MIAMI, OHIO

Coach: Tim Ross
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	at East. Michigan	17-33
Sep 10	at Oklahoma St.	
Sep 17	at Minnesota	
Sep 24	Cincinnati	26-31
Oct 1	at Ball St.	30-20
Oct 8	West. Michigan	17-0
Oct 15	at Ohio	10-9
Oct 22	Toledo	25-37
Oct 29	at Bowling Green	17-7
Nov 12	Kent St.	10-14
Nov 19	Cent. Michigan	15-6

MICHIGAN

Coach: Bo Schembechler
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 10	at Notre Dame	7-26
Sep 17	Miami	

Sep 24	Wake Forest	
Oct 1	at Wisconsin	49-0
Oct 8	Michigan St.	11-17
Oct 15	at Iowa	37-10
Oct 22	Indiana	10-14
Oct 29	at Northwestern	29-6
Nov 5	Minnesota	30-20
Nov 12	Illinois	17-14
Nov 19	at Ohio St.	28-24

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach: George Perles
1987 Record: 9-2-1

Sep 10	Rutgers	8-31
Sep 17	Notre Dame	3-31
Sep 24	at Florida St.	
Oct 1	Iowa	19-14
Oct 8	at Michigan	17-11
Oct 15	Northwestern	38-0
Oct 22	at Illinois	14-14
Oct 29	Ohio St.	13-7
Nov 5	at Purdue	45-3
Nov 12	at Indiana	27-3
Nov 19	Wisconsin	30-9

MINNESOTA

Coach: John Gutekunst
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	at Hawaii	
Sep 10	Washington St.	
Sep 17	Miami, O.	
Sep 24	No. Illinois	21-19
Oct 1	at Purdue	45-33
Oct 8	Northwestern	17-18
Oct 15	at Indiana	9-42
Oct 22	Ohio St.	17-27
Oct 29	Illinois	20-30
Nov 5	at Michigan	22-19
Nov 12	at Wisconsin	20-34
Nov 19	Iowa	

MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Billy Brewer
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	Memphis St.	10-16
Sep 10	Florida	
Sep 17	at Arkansas	10-31
Oct 1	at Georgia	14-31
Oct 8	at Alabama	
Oct 15	Arkansas St.	47-10
Oct 22	at Vanderbilt	42-14
Oct 29	at LSU	13-42
Nov 5	Tulane	24-31
Nov 12	Tennessee	13-55
Nov 26	Mississippi St.	20-30

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach: Rocky Folker
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	Louisiana Tech	14-13
Sep 10	at Vanderbilt	
Sep 17	Georgia	
Sep 24	at Florida	3-38
Oct 1	at Memphis St.	9-6
Oct 15	at So. Mississippi	14-18
Oct 22	at Auburn	7-38
Oct 29	Alabama	18-21
Nov 12	LSU	14-34
Nov 19	at Tulane	19-30
Nov 26	at Mississippi	30-20

MISSOURI

Coach: Robert Widenhofer
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	Utah St.	
Sep 17	Houston	
Sep 24	Indiana	17-20
Oct 1	at Miami, Fla.	
Oct 8	at Kansas St.	34-10
Oct 15	Iowa St.	42-17
Oct 22	at Oklahoma St.	20-24
Oct 29	at Nebraska	7-42
Nov 5	Colorado	10-27
Nov 12	Oklahoma	13-17
Nov 19	at Kansas	9-7

MONTANA

Coach: Earle Solomonson
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	East. New Mexico	63-0
Sep 17	at Idaho St.	25-31
Sep 24	Idaho	
Oct 1	at Nevada-Reno	41-29
Oct 8	East. Washington	22-3
Oct 15	No. Arizona	17-24
Oct 22	at Boise St.	12-3
Oct 29	at Weber St.	26-29
Nov 5	Montana St.	55-7
Nov 12	at Portland St.	3-20

MONTANA STATE

Coach: Earle Solomonson
1987 Record: 1-10-0

Sep 3	at Florida	
Sep 10	Mesa	
Sep 17	at East. Washington	30-32
Sep 24	at Cent. Michigan	
Oct 1	Idaho St.	33-52
Oct 8	at Idaho	7-14
Oct 15	Boise St.	13-35
Oct 22	Nevada-Reno	13-31
Oct 29	No. Arizona	21-54
Nov 5	at Montana	7-55
Nov 12	at Weber St.	32-35

MOREHEAD STATE

Coach: Bill Baldrige
1987 Record: 2-8-0

Sep 3	Marshall	0-29
Sep 10	West. Kentucky	
Sep 17	at Kentucky St.	37-0
Sep 24	Liberty	
Oct 1	Samford	
Oct 8	Murray St.	15-53
Oct 15	at Mid. Tennessee St.	7-3
Oct 22	Tennessee St.	
Oct 29	Austin Peay	13-20
Nov 5	at Tennessee Tech	14-52
Nov 19	at East. Kentucky	0-23

MURRAY STATE

Coach: Mike Mahoney
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	Tennessee-Martin	34-6
Sep 10	at SE Missouri	30-12
Sep 17	at So. Illinois	
Sep 24	at Nevada-Reno	
Oct 1	Tennessee Tech	24-21
Oct 8	at Morehead St.	53-15
Oct 15	Tennessee St.	
Oct 29	East. Kentucky	
Nov 12	Mid. Tennessee	9-25
Nov 19	at Austin Peay	40-0

NAVY

Coach: Elliot Uzelac
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 3	James Madison	
Sep 10	Delaware	31-22
Sep 17	Temple	
Sep 24	at The Citadel	
Oct 1	Yale	
Oct 8	at Air Force	13-23
Oct 22	at Pittsburgh	6-10
Oct 29	Notre Dame*	13-56
Nov 5	at Syracuse	10-34
Nov 12	at S. Carolina	
Nov 19	Army*	3-17
*at Baltimore		
*at Philadelphia		

NEBRASKA

Coach: Tom Osborne
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Aug 27	Texas A&M*	56-12
Sep 3	Utah St.	42-33
Sep 10	at UCLA	
Sep 24	Arizona St.	35-28
Oct 1	UNLV	
Oct 8	at Kansas	54-2
Oct 15	Oklahoma St.	35-0
Oct 22	at Kansas St.	56-3
Oct 29	Missouri	42-7
Nov 5	at Iowa St.	42-3
Nov 12	Colorado	24-7
Nov 19	at Oklahoma	7-17
*at East Rutherford, N.J.		

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Coach: Wayne Nunnely
1987 Record: 4-6-1

Sep 3	at Baylor	14-21
Sep 17	Fullerton St.	14-18
Sep 24	Ohio U.	
Oct 1	at Nebraska	
Oct 15	New Mexico St.	29-6
Oct 22	Fresno St.	10-45
Oct 29	Tulsa	
Nov 5	at Utah St.	28-27
Nov 12	at Pacific	30-24
Nov 19	San Jose St.	24-48
Nov 26	Long Beach St.	17-17

NEVADA-RENO

Coach: Chris Ault
1987 Record: 5-6

Sep 10	Northwestern St.	
Sep 17	at California-Davis	34-17
Sep 24	Murray St.	

Oct 1	Montana	29-41
Oct 8	No. Arizona	40-39
Oct 15	at Weber St.	15-38
Oct 22	at Montana St.	31-13
Oct 29	at Boise St.	31-36
Nov 5	Idaho	28-38
Nov 12	East. Washington	40-26
Nov 19	at Idaho St.	40-19

NEW HAMPSHIRECoach: Bill Bowes
1987 Record: 7-3-0

Sep 10	at Colgate	
Sep 17	Connecticut	21-31
Sep 24	at Maine	14-28
Oct 1	at Delaware	45-21
Oct 8	at Richmond	7-14
Oct 15	at William & Mary	
Oct 22	Northeastern	24-16
Oct 29	at Boston U.	27-20
Nov 5	Villanova	
Nov 12	at Rhode Island	28-14
Nov 19	Massachusetts	17-10

NEW MEXICOCoach: Mike Sheppard
1987 Record: 0-11-0

Sep 3	Fresno St.	
Sep 10	at N. Mexico St.	14-17
Sep 17	at Texas	
Sep 24	Akron	26-73
Oct 1	at Air Force	
Oct 8	Utah	
Oct 15	at Wyoming	16-59
Oct 22	UTEP	0-34
Oct 29	at BYU	25-45
Nov 5	at Hawaii	31-41
Nov 12	Colordao St.	13-35
Nov 19	San Diego St.	30-53

NEW MEXICO STATECoach: Mike Knoll
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 3	San Jose St.	6-57
Sep 10	New Mexico	17-14
Sep 17	at Fresno St.	10-34
Sep 24	at Utah St.	6-25
Oct 1	at Kansas	
Oct 15	at UNLV	6-29
Oct 22	Fullerton St.	14-48
Oct 29	UTEP	0-31
Nov 5	at Akron	
Nov 12	Long Beach St.	6-33
Nov 19	at Pacific	7-23

NORTH CAROLINACoach: Mack Brown
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	at S. Carolina	
Sep 10	Oklahoma	0-28
Sep 24	Louisville	
Oct 2	at Auburn	10-20
Oct 8	at Wake Forest	14-22
Oct 15	N. Carolina State	17-14
Oct 22	Georgia Tech	30-23
Oct 29	Maryland	27-14
Nov 5	at Clemson	10-13
Nov 12	Virginia	17-20
Nov 19	at Duke	10-25

NORTH CAROLINA STATECoach: Dick Sheridan
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	West. Carolina	
Sep 17	Wake Forest	3-21
Sep 24	at Maryland	42-14
Oct 1	at Georgia Tech	17-0
Oct 8	E. Tennessee	14-29
Oct 15	at N. Carolina	14-17
Oct 22	Clemson	30-28
Oct 29	S. Carolina	0-48
Nov 5	at Virginia	31-34
Nov 12	Duke	47-45
Nov 19	Pittsburgh	0-34

NORTH TEXAS STATECoach: Corky Nelson
1987 Record: 7-5-0

Sep 3	at Texas Tech	
Sep 17	Arkansas St.	20-27
Sep 24	at Sam Houston St.	41-24
Oct 1	East. Washington	
Oct 8	NE Louisiana	23-24
Oct 15	McNeese St.	38-16
Oct 22	at Texas	
Oct 29	at Stephen Austin	16-14
Nov 5	Northwestern St.	15-13

Nov 12	at SW Texas St.	20-3
Nov 19	at Rice	

NORTHEAST LOUISIANACoach: Pat Collins
1987 Record: 13-2-0

Sep 3	at Nicholls St.	26-14
Sep 10	at McNeese St.	37-10
Sep 17	SW Texas St.	44-7
Sep 24	at Arkansas St.	31-21
Oct 1	S.F. Austin St.	
Oct 8	at N. Texas St.	24-23
Oct 15	at Georgia Southern	26-17
Oct 22	at NW Louisiana	33-31
Oct 29	Lamar	28-48
Nov 12	Sam Houston St.	
Nov 19	Louisiana Tech	41-7

NORTHEASTERNCoach: Paul Pawlak
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 9	at Towson St.	39-22
Sep 17	at Maine	21-17
Sep 24	Cent. Connecticut	
Oct 1	Connecticut	20-12
Oct 8	Youngstown St.	14-29
Oct 15	James Madison	3-13
Oct 22	at New Hampshire	16-24
Oct 29	at Massachusetts	7-27
Nov 5	Rhode Island	21-3
Nov 12	Lehigh	
Nov 19	at Holy Cross	

NORTHERN ARIZONACoach: Larry Kentera
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 3	So. Utah St.	
Sep 10	E. Washington	41-24
Sep 17	Boise St.	18-48
Oct 1	at Idaho	37-46
Oct 8	at Nevada-Reno	39-40
Oct 15	at Montana	24-17
Oct 22	Idaho St.	32-23
Oct 29	at Montana St.	54-21
Nov 5	No. Iowa	
Nov 12	at Nichols St.	
Nov 19	Weber St.	17-30

NORTHERN ILLINOISCoach: Jerry Pettibone
1987 Record: 5-5-1

Sep 3	Akron	21-27
Sep 10	Mid. Tennessee St.	
Sep 17	at Wisconsin	
Sep 24	at Minnesota	
Oct 1	SW Missouri St.	27-21
Oct 8	at Toledo	
Oct 15	at SW Louisiana	
Oct 22	at So. Illinois	
Oct 29	Bail St.	17-42
Nov 5	West. Illinois	29-14
Nov 12	West. Michigan	34-14

NORTHWESTERNCoach: Francis Peay
1987 Record: 2-8-1

Sep 3	Duke	16-31
Sep 10	at Air Force	
Sep 24	at Army	
Oct 1	Indiana	18-35
Oct 8	at Minnesota	33-45
Oct 15	at Michigan St.	0-38
Oct 22	Wisconsin	27-24
Oct 29	Michigan	6-29
Nov 5	at Iowa	24-52
Nov 12	Purdue	15-20
Nov 19	at Illinois	28-10

NOTRE DAMECoach: Lou Holtz
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 10	Michigan	26-7
Sep 17	at Michigan St.	31-8
Sep 24	Purdue	44-20
Oct 1	Stanford	
Oct 8	at Pittsburgh	22-30
Oct 15	Miami	0-24
Oct 22	Air Force	35-14
Oct 29	at Navy*	56-13
Nov 5	Rice	
Nov 19	Penn St.	20-21
Nov 26	at USC	26-15
*at Baltimore		

OHIOCoach: Cleve Bryant
1987 Record: 1-10-0

Sep 10	at Marshall	23-15
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Sep 17	at Purdue	
Sep 24	at UNLV	
Oct 1	Toledo	12-17
Oct 8	at Bowling Green	7-28
Oct 15	Miami, O.	9-10
Oct 22	Kent St.	10-24
Oct 29	East. Michigan	16-34
Nov 5	at Cent. Michigan	17-31
Nov 12	Bail St.	17-30
Nov 19	at West. Michigan	13-31

OHIO STATECoach: John Cooper
1987 Record: 6-4-1

Sep 10	Syracuse	
Sep 17	at Pittsburgh	
Sep 24	LSU	13-13
Oct 1	Illinois	10-6
Oct 8	at Indiana	10-31
Oct 15	Purdue	20-17
Oct 22	at Minnesota	42-9
Oct 29	at Michigan St.	7-13
Nov 5	Wisconsin	24-26
Nov 12	at Iowa	27-29
Nov 19	Michigan	23-20

OKLAHOMACoach: Barry Switzer
1987 Record: 11-1-0

Sep 10	at N. Carolina	28-0
Sep 17	Arizona	
Sep 24	at USC	
Oct 1	Iowa St.	56-3
Oct 8	Texas*	44-9
Oct 15	Kansas St.	59-10
Oct 22	at Colorado	24-6
Oct 29	Kansas	71-10
Nov 5	at Oklahoma St.	29-10
Nov 12	at Missouri	17-13
Nov 19	Nebraska	17-7
*at Dallas		

OKLAHOMA STATECoach: Pat Jones
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Sep 10	SW Louisiana	36-0
Sep 24	Texas A&M	
Oct 1	Tulsa	39-28
Oct 8	at Colorado	42-17
Oct 15	at Nebraska	0-35
Oct 22	Missouri	24-20
Oct 29	at Kansas St.	56-7
Nov 5	Oklahoma	10-29
Nov 12	Kansas	49-17
Nov 19	at Iowa St.	48-27
Dec 4	Texas Tech*	
*at Tokyo		

OREGONCoach: Rich Brooks
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 10	Long Beach St.	
Sep 17	at Washington St.	31-17
Sep 24	Stanford	10-13
Oct 1	at San Diego St.	25-20
Oct 8	at USC	34-27
Oct 15	Idaho St.	
Oct 22	Washington	29-22
Oct 29	Arizona St.	13-37
Nov 5	UCLA	10-41
Nov 12	at Arizona	
Nov 19	at Oregon St.	44-0
Dec 3	at Hawaii	

OREGON STATECoach: Dave Kragthorpe
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	Arizona	12-23
Sep 10	at San Jose St.	
Sep 17	California	14-12
Sep 24	at Colorado	
Oct 1	Fresno St.	0-27
Oct 8	at UCLA	0-49
Oct 22	at Stanford	7-17
Oct 29	USC	
Nov 5	at Arizona St.	
Nov 12	at Washington St.	14-24
Nov 19	Oregon	28-49

PACIFICCoach: Bob Cope
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3	at Arkansas	
Sep 10	at California	0-42
Sep 17	Idaho	
Sep 24	at Fullerton St.	22-14
Oct 1	at Long Beach St.	6-9
Oct 8	Nevada-Las Vegas	24-30

Oct 15	San Jose St.	17-42
Oct 22	Sacramento St.	31-7
Oct 29	at Utah St.	13-17
Nov 5	at Fresno St.	23-22
Nov 19	New Mexico St.	23-7

PENNSYLVANIACoach: Ed Zubrow
1987 Record: 4-6-0

Sep 17	at Dartmouth	49-7
Sep 24	Bucknell	24-32
Oct 1	Columbia	23-0
Oct 8	at Brown	38-17
Oct 15	Colgate	
Oct 22	Yale	22-28
Oct 29	at Princeton	7-17
Nov 5	at Lafayette	23-14
Nov 12	Harvard	14-31
Nov 19	at Cornell	13-17

PENN STATECoach: Joe Paterno
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 10	at Virginia	
Sep 17	Boston Coll.	27-17
Sep 24	Rutgers	35-21
Oct 1	at Temple	27-13
Oct 8	Cincinnati	41-0
Oct 15	Syracuse	21-48
Oct 22	at Alabama	13-24
Oct 29	at W. Virginia	25-21
Nov 5	Maryland	21-16
Nov 12	Pittsburgh	0-10
Nov 19	at Notre Dame	21-20

PITTSBURGHCoach: Mike Gottfried
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 3	No. Iowa	
Sep 17	Ohio St.	
Sep 24	W. Virginia	6-3
Oct 1	at Boston Coll.	10-13
Oct 8	Notre Dame	30-22
Oct 15	Temple	21-24
Oct 22	Navy	10-6
Oct 29	at Syracuse	10-24
Nov 5	Rutgers	17-0
Nov 12	at Penn St.	10-0
Nov 19	at N. Carolina St.	34-0

PRINCETONCoach: Steven Tosches
1987 Record: 6-4-0

Sep 17	at Cornell	23-6
Sep 24	Holy Cross	
Oct 1	Brown	13-7
Oct 8	at Columbia	38-8
Oct 15	at Bucknell	
Oct 22	Harvard	19-24
Oct 29	Pennsylvania	17-7
Nov 5	Colgate	15-39
Nov 12	at Yale	19-34
Nov 19	Dartmouth	34-3

PURDUECoach: Fred Akers
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 10	Washington	10-28
Sep 17	Ohio U.	
Sep 24	at Notre Dame	20-44
Oct 1	Minnesota	19-21
Oct 8	at Illinois	9-3
Oct 15	at Ohio St.	17-20
Oct 22	Iowa	14-38
Oct 29	at Wisconsin	49-14
Nov 5	Michigan St.	3-45
Nov 12	at Northwestern	20-15
Nov 19	Indiana	14-35

RICECoach: Jerry Berndt
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 10	Indiana	13-35
Sep 24	at SW Louisiana	
Oct 1	Texas	26-45
Oct 8	at TCU	16-30
Oct 15	Texas Tech	7-59
Oct 22	at Texas A&M	21-34
Oct 29	at Arkansas	14-38
Nov 5	at Notre Dame	
Nov 12	Baylor	31-34
Nov 19	N. Texas St.	
Nov 26	at Houston	21-45

RICHMONDCoach: Dal Shealy
1987 Record: 7-5-0

Sep 10	at Connecticut	14-21
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Sep 17	at VMI	
Sep 24	Delaware	28-21
Oct 1	Maine	17-7
Oct 8	New Hampshire	14-7
Oct 16	Boston U.*	33-24
Oct 22	at Rhode Island	27-14
Oct 29	at Villanova	38-35
Nov 5	Massachusetts	52-51
Nov 12	James Madison	3-41
Nov 19	William & Mary	7-20
*at London		

RUTGERS

Coach: Dick Anderson
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 10	at Michigan St.	13-27
Sep 17	Vanderbilt	21-35
Sep 24	at Penn St.	10-7
Oct 1	Cincinnati	3-20
Oct 8	at Syracuse	38-24
Oct 15	at Boston Coll.	27-14
Oct 22	Army	17-14
Oct 29	Temple	0-17
Nov 5	at Pittsburgh	13-37
Nov 12	W. Virginia	
Nov 19	Colgate	

ST. JOHN'S

Coach: Bob Ricca
1987 Record: 5-5-0

Sep 10	at Iowa	33-31
Sep 17	at Wagner	14-30
Sep 24	Stony Brook	21-3
Oct 1	Fordham	23-34
Oct 8	Pace	22-27
Oct 15	USMMA	13-33
Oct 22	at C.W. Post	24-14
Oct 29	at Marist	45-19
Nov 5	at Georgetown	21-34
Nov 12	at Catholic	55-6

SAN DIEGO

Coach: Brian Fogarty
1987 Record: 6-3-1

Sep 10	at Menlo	15-17
Sep 17	Claremont-McKenna	
Oct 1	Redlands	28-0
Oct 8	at Pomona-Pitzer	42-6
Oct 15	at Whittier	28-0
Oct 22	Occidental	13-13
Oct 29	at La Verne	28-0
Nov 5	UC-Santa Barbara	7-0
Nov 12	at Azusa Pacific	18-23

SAN DIEGO STATE

Coach: Denny Stolz
1987 Record: 5-7-0

Sep 3	at UCLA	14-47
Sep 11	Air Force	7-49
Sep 17	at Stanford	40-44
Oct 1	Oregon	20-25
Oct 8	Wyoming	10-52
Oct 15	Hawaii	29-21
Oct 22	at Colorado St.	26-12
Oct 29	at Utah	52-34
Nov 5	BYU	21-38
Nov 12	at UTEP	33-34
Nov 19	at New Mexico	53-30

SAN JOSE STATE

Coach: Claude Gilbert
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Sep 3	at New Mexico St.	57-6
Sep 10	Oregon St.	34-36
Sep 17	at Hawaii	
Sep 24	at Washington	
Oct 1	at California	27-25
Oct 8	at Stanford	24-17
Oct 15	at Pacific	42-17
Oct 22	Utah St.	24-14
Oct 29	Fresno St.	20-16
Nov 5	Long Beach St.	44-16
Nov 12	at Fullerton St.	46-19
Nov 19	at UNLV	48-24

SIENA

Coach: Jack Dubois
1987 Record: 3-7-0

Sep 10	Gallaudet	
Sep 24	at Iona	
Oct 1	at St. John Fisher	10-20
Oct 8	Marist	0-33
Oct 15	New York Maritime	33-13
Oct 29	at Brooklyn	10-6
Nov 5	Catholic	
Nov 12	at USCGA	0-50

SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach: Joe Morrison
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 3	N. Carolina	31-6
Sep 10	West. Carolina	34-12
Sep 17	E. Carolina	6-13
Sep 24	Georgia	24-3
Oct 1	Appalachian St.	40-10
Oct 8	at Virginia Tech	
Oct 15	at Georgia Tech	48-0
Oct 22	at N. Carolina St.	
Nov 5	Florida St.	
Nov 12	Navy	
Nov 19	at Clemson	20-7

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Richard Rhoades
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	at West. Illinois	15-21
Sep 17	Murray St.	38-7
Sep 24	at Illinois St.	9-33
Oct 1	Arkansas St.	32-27
Oct 8	at East. Illinois	15-24
Oct 15	Indiana St.	
Oct 22	No. Illinois	
Oct 29	at Kentucky	13-18
Nov 5	at SW Missouri St.	
Nov 12	at Youngstown St.	3-20
Nov 19	at No. Iowa	

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Curley Hallman
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	Stephen F. Austin St.	10-61
Sep 10	at Florida St.	38-34
Sep 17	Virginia Tech	65-6
Sep 24	at E. Carolina	31-24
Oct 1	Louisville	18-14
Oct 8	at Tulane	
Oct 15	at Mississippi St.	17-14
Oct 22	at SW Louisiana	
Oct 29	Memphis St.	
Nov 5	at Auburn	
Nov 12	at Louisiana Tech	

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Coach: Nelson Stokely
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	Fullerton St.	0-36
Sep 10	at Oklahoma St.	
Sep 17	Rice	
Sep 24	at E. Carolina	
Oct 1	at Louisiana Tech	
Oct 8	No. Illinois	37-30
Oct 15	So. Mississippi	10-38
Oct 22	at Tulane	31-7
Oct 29	at Memphis St.	10-38
Nov 5	at Alabama	
Nov 12	Arkansas St.	
Nov 19		

STANFORD

Coach: Jack Elway
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	USC	24-39
Sep 17	at San Diego St.	44-40
Sep 24	at Oregon	13-10
Oct 1	at Notre Dame	
Oct 8	San Jose St.	17-24
Oct 15	Arizona St.	38-7
Oct 22	Oregon St.	21-31
Oct 29	at Washington	44-7
Nov 5	Washington St.	0-49
Nov 12	at UCLA	31-7
Nov 19	at California	

SYRACUSE

Coach: Dick MacPherson
1987 Record: 11-0-1

Sep 3	Temple	
Sep 10	at Ohio St.	35-21
Sep 17	Virginia Tech	25-11
Sep 24	Maryland	20-3
Oct 1	Rutgers	48-21
Oct 8	at Penn St.	
Oct 15	at E. Carolina	
Oct 22	Navy	34-10
Oct 29	at Boston Coll.	45-17
Nov 5	at W. Virginia	32-31
Nov 12	Pittsburgh	24-10
Nov 19		

TEMPLE

Coach: Bruce Arians
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	at Syracuse	
Sep 10	Alabama	
Sep 17	at Navy	13-27
Sep 24	Penn St.	24-21
Oct 1	at Pitt	
Oct 8	at California	

Oct 29	at Rutgers	14-17
Nov 5	E. Carolina	26-31
Nov 12	at Akron	23-3
Nov 19	at Tulsa	17-24
Nov 26	Boston Coll.	7-28

TENNESSEE

Coach: Johnny Majors
1987 Record: 9-2-1

Sep 3	at Georgia	
Sep 10	Duke	
Sep 17	LSU	
Sep 24	at Auburn	20-20
Oct 1	Washington St.	22-41
Oct 8	Alabama	
Oct 15	at Memphis St.	18-20
Oct 22	Boston Coll.	55-13
Nov 5	at Mississippi	24-22
Nov 12	Kentucky	38-36
Nov 19	Vanderbilt	

TENN.-CHATTANOOGA

Coach: Charles Nix
1987 Record: 6-5-0

Sep 3	at Tulane	
Sep 10	at Georgia Tech	
Sep 17	Georgia Southern	13-20
Sep 24	Tennessee Tech	14-34
Oct 1	E. Tennessee St.	13-11
Oct 8	West. Carolina	22-19
Oct 15	at The Citadel	26-28
Oct 22	at Marshall	17-20
Oct 29	at West. Kentucky	16-14
Nov 5	Furman	3-17
Nov 12	Appalachian St.	

TENNESSEE TECH

Coach: Jim Ragland
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3	at E. Carolina	43-23
Sep 10	at Liberty	
Sep 17	Samford	20-13
Sep 24	UT-Chattanooga	24-21
Oct 1	at Murray St.	44-8
Oct 8	at East. Kentucky	
Oct 15	West. Kentucky	
Oct 22	at Tennessee St.	52-14
Oct 29	Morehead St.	14-9
Nov 5	Austin Peay	17-13
Nov 12	at Mid. Tennessee St.	
Nov 19		

TEXAS

Coach: Dave McWilliams
1987 Record: 7-5-0

Sep 17	New Mexico	17-22
Sep 24	at BYU	45-26
Oct 1	at Rice	9-44
Oct 8	Oklahoma*	16-14
Oct 15	Arkansas	
Oct 22	N. Texas St.	41-27
Oct 29	at Texas Tech	40-60
Nov 5	Houston	24-21
Nov 12	at TCU	34-16
Nov 19	at Baylor	13-20
Nov 26	Texas A&M	
*at Dallas		

TEXAS A&M

Coach: Jackie Sherrill
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Aug 27	Nebraska*	3-17
Sep 3	at LSU	
Sep 17	Alabama	
Sep 24	at Oklahoma St.	21-27
Oct 1	Texas Tech	22-17
Oct 8	at Houston	34-10
Oct 15	Baylor	34-21
Oct 22	Rice	
Nov 5	at Louisiana Tech	14-0
Nov 12	at Arkansas	42-24
Nov 19	TCU	20-13
Nov 26	at Texas	
*at East Rutherford, N.J.		

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Coach: Jim Wacker
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 10	at Georgia	
Sep 17	Bowling Green	20-38
Sep 24	Boston Coll.	10-20
Oct 1	at Arkansas	30-16
Oct 8	Rice	33-12
Oct 15	at BYU	24-0
Oct 22	Baylor	35-7
Oct 29	at Houston	35-36
Nov 5	Texas Tech	21-24
Nov 12	Texas	24-42
Nov 19	at Texas A&M	

TEXAS-EL PASO

Coach: Bob Stull
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 3	Mankato St.	
Sep 10	Weber St.	24-37
Sep 17	at BYU	
Sep 24	at Tulsa	
Oct 1	Utah	30-24
Oct 8	at Hawaii	37-13
Oct 15	Colorado St.	45-6
Oct 22	at New Mexico	
Oct 29	at New Mexico St.	31-0
Nov 5	at Wyoming	13-37
Nov 12	San Diego St.	34-33
Nov 19	Air Force	7-35

TEXAS TECH

Coach: Spike Dykes
1987 Record: 6-4-1

Sep 3	N. Texas St.	
Sep 10	at Arizona	22-36
Sep 17	Baylor	27-21
Sep 24	at Texas A&M	0-31
Oct 1	at Arkansas	59-7
Oct 8	at Rice	27-41
Oct 15	Texas	36-35
Oct 22	at TCU	43-14
Nov 5	Lamar	10-10
Nov 12	Houston	
Nov 19	Oklahoma St.*	
Dec 4	at Tokyo	

TOLEDO

Coach: Dan Simrell
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 3	at Ball St.	21-17
Sep 10	W. Michigan	14-21
Sep 17	at McNeese St.	
Sep 24	Bowling Green	6-20
Oct 1	at Ohio U.	17-12
Oct 8	No. Illinois	5-41
Oct 15	Austin Peay	
Oct 22	at Miami, O.	37-25
Oct 29	Kent St.	13-17
Nov 5	at East. Michigan	9-38
Nov 12	Cent. Michigan	17-17

TOWSON STATE

Coach: Phil Albert
1987 Record: 4-6-0

Sep 10	Northeastern	22-39
Sep 17	at Indiana, Penn.	7-10
Sep 24	at Delaware St.	17-40
Oct 1	at Howard	30-14
Oct 8	at Youngstown St.	
Oct 15	at Lehigh	
Oct 22	James Madison	19-21
Oct 29	New Haven	7-21
Nov 5	Maine	17-14
Nov 12	Liberty	31-14

TULANE

Coach: Greg Davis
1987 Record: 6-6-0

Sep 3	UT-Chattanooga	25-12
Sep 10	at Iowa St.	
Sep 17	Kansas St.	36-45
Sep 24	Memphis St.	14-73
Oct 1	Florida St.	24-31
Oct 8	So. Mississippi	40-42
Oct 15	Louisville	38-10
Oct 22	SW Louisiana	31-24
Oct 29	at Mississippi	30-19
Nov 5	Mississippi St.	36-41
Nov 12	at LSU	

TULSA

Coach: Dave Rader
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3	Kansas St.	37-25
Sep 10	at Arkansas	15-30
Sep 17	UTEP	
Sep 24	at Oklahoma St.	28-39
Oct 1	at Louisville	26-22
Oct 8	at Houston	
Oct 15	at UNLV	
Oct 22	at Miami, Fla.	0-14
Oct 29	at Memphis St.	
Nov 5	Colorado St.	
Nov 12	Temple	24-17

UC-DAVIS

Coach: Jim Sochor
1987 Record: 8-2-0

Sep 10	at UC-Santa Clara	
Sep 17	Nevada-Reno	
Sep 24	Sacramento St.	
Oct 1	at San Francisco St.	

1988 NCAA Major College Schedules—UCLA continued

Oct 8 at Hayward St.
Oct 15 Sonoma St.
Oct 22 at Northridge St.
Oct 29 Cal Poly
Nov 5 at Humboldt St.
Nov 12 Chico St.

UCLA

Coach: Terry Donahue
1987 Record: 10-2-0

Sep 10 Nebraska 33-42
Sep 17 Long Beach St.
Sep 24 San Diego St. 47-14
Oct 1 at Washington 47-14
Oct 8 Oregon St. 52-17
Oct 15 at California 42-18
Oct 22 at Arizona 34-24
Oct 29 Washington St.
Nov 5 at Oregon 41-10
Nov 12 Stanford 49-0
Nov 19 USC 13-17

UC-SANTA BARBARA

Coach: Mike Warren
1987 Record: 8-2-0

Sep 10 at Hayward St.
Sep 17 Chico St.
Sep 24 San Francisco St.
Oct 1 at UC-Lutheran 61-15
Oct 8 Sonoma St. 22-12
Oct 15 at Humboldt St.
Oct 22 St. Mary's 16-13
Oct 29 at Azusa Pacific 34-7
Nov 5 at San Diego 0-7
Nov 12 Menlo

USC

Coach: Larry Smith
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 10 at Boston Coll. 23-17
Sep 17 at Stanford 39-24
Sep 24 Oklahoma
Oct 1 at Arizona 12-10
Oct 8 Oregon 27-34
Oct 15 Washington 37-23
Oct 29 at Oregon St. 48-14
Nov 5 California 31-14
Nov 12 at Arizona St.
Nov 19 at UCLA 17-13
Nov 26 Notre Dame 15-26

UTAH

Coach: Jim Fassel
1987 Record: 5-7-0

Sep 10 Idaho St. 51-16
Sep 17 at Illinois
Sep 24 Hawaii 14-25
Oct 1 at UTEP 24-30
Oct 8 at New Mexico 24-20
Oct 15 Air Force 27-48
Oct 22 at Wyoming 7-31
Oct 29 San Diego St. 34-52
Nov 5 Colorado St. 24-23
Nov 12 at Utah St. 36-41
Nov 19 BYU 18-21

UTAH STATE

Coach: Chuck Shelton
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3 at Nebraska 12-56
Sep 10 at Missouri
Sep 24 New Mexico St. 25-6
Sep 30 at BYU 24-45
Oct 8 Long Beach St. 17-14
Oct 15 at Fresno St. 17-13
Oct 22 at San Jose St. 14-24
Nov 5 UNLV 27-28
Nov 12 Utah 41-36
Nov 19 at Fullerton St. 11-30

VALPARAISO

Coach: Bill Koch
1987 Record: 3-6-0

Sep 10 at Wis.-Oshkosh 0-3
Sep 17 Wayne St. U.
Sep 24 Wis.-Stevens Point
Oct 1 at Indianapolis 35-56
Oct 8 Franklin Coll. 22-29
Oct 15 Butler 15-56
Oct 22 at Ashland 28-14
Oct 29 Evansville
Nov 5 at Dayton
Nov 12 at St. Joseph's 32-3

VANDERBILT

Coach: Watson Brown
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 10 Mississippi St.

Sep 17 at Rutgers 27-13
Sep 24 at Alabama 23-30
Oct 1 Duke 31-35
Oct 8 at Georgia 24-52
Oct 15 Florida
Oct 22 Mississippi 14-42
Nov 5 at Kentucky 38-29
Nov 12 at Army
Nov 19 at Memphis St. 27-17
Nov 26 Tennessee 36-38

VILLANOVA

Coach: Andy Talley
1987 Record: 6-4-0

Sep 3 Wake Forest
Sep 10 at Bucknell
Sep 24 at Boston U. 14-7
Oct 1 Rhode Island
Oct 8 at Connecticut 23-34
Oct 15 Delaware
Oct 22 at William & Mary
Oct 29 Richmond 35-38
Nov 5 at New Hampshire
Nov 12 at Massachusetts 34-27
Nov 19 Maine

VIRGINIA

Coach: George Welsh
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 3 William and Mary
Sep 10 Penn St.
Sep 17 Georgia Tech 23-14
Sep 24 at Duke 42-17
Oct 8 Clemson 21-38
Oct 15 at Louisville
Oct 22 at Wake Forest 35-21
Oct 29 at Virginia Tech 14-13
Nov 5 N. Carolina St. 34-31
Nov 12 at N. Carolina 20-17
Nov 19 Maryland 19-21

VIRGINIA MILITARY

Coach: Eddie Williamson
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3 at E. Tennessee St. 20-13
Sep 10 at William & Mary 6-17
Sep 17 Richmond
Sep 24 Marshall 7-42
Oct 1 at Furman 0-38
Oct 8 Appalachian St. 10-27
Oct 22 at James Madison 17-20
Oct 29 Wofford 27-11
Nov 5 at Georgia Tech
Nov 12 The Citadel 7-3
Nov 19 West Carolina

VIRGINIA TECH

Coach: Frank Beamer
1987 Record: 2-9-0

Sep 3 at Clemson 10-22
Sep 10 E. Carolina 23-32
Sep 17 at So. Mississippi
Sep 24 at Syracuse 21-35
Oct 1 W. Virginia 16-28
Oct 8 S. Carolina 10-40
Oct 15 at Cincinnati 21-20
Oct 29 Virginia 13-14
Nov 5 at Louisville
Nov 12 at Florida St.
Nov 19 James Madison

WAGNER

Coach: Walt Hameline
1987 Record: 13-1

Sep 10 Ferrum
Sep 17 St. John's 30-14
Sep 24 District of Columbia
Oct 1 Montclair St. 24-17
Oct 8 Newport News
Oct 15 Hofstra 28-35
Oct 22 Kings Point 16-14
Oct 29 at C.W. Post 46-29
Nov 12 at William Patterson 14-0
at Newark, N.J.

WAKE FOREST

Coach: Bill Dooley
1987 Record: 7-4-0

Sep 3 at Villanova
Sep 10 Illinois St.
Sep 17 at N. Carolina St. 21-3
Sep 24 at Michigan 22-14
Oct 8 N. Carolina 0-14
Oct 15 at Maryland 21-35
Oct 22 Virginia 17-31
Oct 29 Clemson 30-27
Nov 5 at Duke

Nov 12 Georgia Tech 33-6
Nov 19 Appalachian St. 16-12

WASHINGTON

Coach: Don James
1987 Record: 7-4-1

Sep 10 at Purdue 28-10
Sep 17 Army
Sep 24 San Jose St.
Oct 1 UCLA
Oct 8 at Arizona St. 14-47
Oct 15 at USC 27-14
Oct 22 at Oregon 23-37
Oct 29 Stanford 22-29
Nov 5 Arizona 31-21
Nov 12 California 21-21
Nov 19 at Washington St. 34-19

WASHINGTON STATE

Coach: Dennis Erickson
1987 Record: 3-7-1

Sep 3 at Illinois
Sep 10 at Minnesota
Sep 17 Oregon 17-31
Oct 1 at Tennessee
Oct 8 California 17-17
Oct 15 at Arizona 45-28
Oct 22 Arizona St. 7-38
Oct 29 at UCLA
Nov 5 at Stanford 7-44
Nov 12 Oregon St.
Nov 19 Washington 19-34

WEBER STATE

Coach: Mike Price
1987 Record: 10-3-0

Sep 10 at UTEP
Sep 17 Nicholls St.
Sep 24 So. Utah St. 36-26
Oct 1 at Boise St. 55-44
Oct 8 Idaho St. 53-37
Oct 15 Nevada-Reno 38-15
Oct 22 at Idaho 59-30
Oct 29 Montana 29-26
Nov 5 E. Washington 46-23
Nov 12 Montana St. 35-32
Nov 19 No. Arizona 30-17

WEST CHESTER

Coach: Danny Hale
1987 Record: 9-2-0

Sep 10 at American Intl. 30-3
Sep 24 at Millersville 44-8
Sep 30 Bloomsburg 39-14
Oct 7 Kutztown 30-13
Oct 15 at Clarion
Oct 22 E. Stroudsburg 28-7
Oct 29 Cheyney 44-15
Nov 5 Mansfield 54-19
Nov 12 at Delaware 21-28

WEST TEXAS STATE

Coach: Steve Graf
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3 at Lamar
Sep 10 TBA
Sep 17 TBA
Sep 24 at NW Missouri 33-21
Oct 1 Angelo St. 7-36
Oct 8 at Cameron St.
Oct 15 E. Texas St. 35-34
Oct 22 at Texas A&I 20-44
Oct 29 at Cent. Oklahoma
Nov 5 E. New Mexico 29-7
Nov 12 at Abilene Christian 17-27

WEST VIRGINIA

Coach: Don Nehlen
1987 Record: 6-6-0

Sep 3 Bowling Green
Sep 10 Fullerton St.
Sep 17 Maryland 20-25
Sep 24 at Pittsburgh 3-6
Oct 1 at Virginia Tech 28-16
Oct 8 at E. Carolina 49-0
Oct 22 Boston College 37-16
Oct 29 Penn St. 21-25
Nov 5 at Cincinnati 45-17
Nov 12 at Rutgers 37-13
Nov 19 Syracuse 31-32

WESTERN CAROLINA

Coach: Bob Waters
1987 Record: 4-7-0

Sep 3 at N. Carolina St.
Sep 10 at S. Carolina 6-31
Sep 17 E. Tennessee St. 37-20
Oct 1 The Citadel 24-38

Oct 8 at UT-Chattanooga 11-13
Oct 15 at N. Carolina A&T 55-34
Oct 22 East. Kentucky
Oct 29 at Furman 20-14
Nov 5 at Appalachian St. 13-33
Nov 12 Marshall 16-47
Nov 19 VMI

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Al Molda
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3 Wisconsin
Sep 10 at Toledo 21-14
Sep 17 Illinois St. 6-20
Oct 1 Bowling Green 34-27
Oct 8 Miami, O. 0-17
Oct 15 Kent St. 13-27
Oct 22 at East. Michigan 17-23
Oct 29 Cent. Michigan 27-30
Nov 5 at Ball St. 31-16
Nov 12 at No. Illinois 14-34
Nov 19 Ohio U. 31-13

WILLIAM & MARY

Coach: Jimmy Laycock
1987 Record: 5-6-0

Sep 3 at Virginia
Sep 10 VMI 17-6
Sep 17 Lehigh 28-27
Sep 24 at James Madison 22-28
Oct 8 Delaware 14-38
Oct 15 New Hampshire
Oct 22 Villanova
Oct 29 at Georgia
Nov 5 Wofford
Nov 12 Colgate
Nov 18 at Richmond 7-19
20-7

WISCONSIN

Coach: Don Morton
1987 Record: 3-8-0

Sep 3 W. Michigan
Sep 17 No. Illinois
Sep 24 at Miami, Fla.
Oct 1 Michigan 0-49
Oct 8 at Iowa 10-31
Oct 15 Illinois 14-16
Oct 22 at Northwestern 24-27
Oct 29 Purdue 14-49
Nov 5 at Ohio St. 26-24
Nov 12 Minnesota 19-22
Nov 19 at Michigan St. 9-30

WYOMING

Coach: Paul Roach
1987 Record: 10-3-0

Sep 3 BYU 29-27
Sep 10 at Louisville
Sep 17 Louisiana Tech
Sep 24 at Air Force 27-13
Oct 1 Fullerton St.
Oct 8 at San Diego St. 52-10
Oct 15 New Mexico 59-16
Oct 22 Utah 31-7
Oct 29 at Colorado St. 20-15
Nov 5 UTEP 37-13
Nov 12 at Houston 37-35
Nov 19 at Hawaii 24-20

YALE

Coach: Carmen Cozza
1987 Record: 7-3-0

Sep 17 at Brown 7-17
Sep 24 Connecticut 30-27
Oct 1 Navy
Oct 8 Army
Oct 15 Columbia 27-13
Oct 22 at Pennsylvania 28-22
Oct 29 Dartmouth 17-7
Nov 5 at Cornell 28-9
Nov 12 Princeton 34-19
Nov 19 at Harvard 10-14

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Coach: Jim Tressel
1987 Record: 8-4-0

Sep 3 at Kent St.
Sep 10 East. Michigan
Sep 24 at East. Illinois 10-6
Oct 1 Akron 29-14
Oct 8 at Northeastern
Oct 15 Townson St.
Oct 22 at Bowling Green 20-17
Oct 29 at Liberty
Nov 5 Indiana St.
Nov 12 So. Illinois
Nov 19 Marshall 13-38

The cover features a large, dynamic image of Wayne Gretzky in his Edmonton Oilers uniform, skating and holding his hockey stick. The text "WAYNE" is written vertically on the left, and "GRETZKY" is in large, stylized blue letters at the top. Below that, "HOCKEY MY WAY" is written in bold white letters. At the bottom, "COLISEUM VIDEO" is printed. A small inset photo in the bottom right shows Gretzky and another player on the ice.


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8. Rice

AS THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE prepares for its second football season without SMU, things appear to be settled. Texas A&M still is the team to beat, and the NCAA may just be up to the task. Ask SMU.

Little has changed since SMU began its leave of absence from the conference, making the SWC an eight-team league. The Aggies return the same look and much of the same personnel from last year's third consecutive SWC champion team. Only the NCAA, which is investigating 38 possible infractions, could keep the Aggies from making it four in a row, something no SWC team has done since Texas won five in a row from 1969 to '73.

Not that there aren't other contenders. Texas could interrupt the Aggies' streak, but first must find a quarterback to replace Bret Stafford. Arkansas coach Ken Hatfield, feeling some heat after last season's disappointing 9-4 record, has promised to open up his offense. And no offense in the league will be better than Texas Tech's.

The depth of the league seems to be improving, too. TCU, Baylor, and Houston could be dark horses, with only Rice at long odds.

But the A&M Aggies are poised to be a Top 10 team after their stunning defeat of Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. They have the talent, experience, and, most recently, the tradition. They may have the future, too. By the time SMU returns to football in 1989, the Mustangs may find that the SWC champion hasn't changed since they left.

Texas A&M

Beating the Irish 35-10 in the Cotton Bowl may

1987 SWC Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Texas A&M ^a	6	1	0	10	2	0
Arkansas ^b	5	2	0	9	4	0
Texas ^c	5	2	0	7	5	0
Texas Tech	3	3	1	6	4	1
Baylor	3	4	0	6	5	0
Texas Christian	3	4	0	5	6	0
Houston ^d	2	4	1	3	7	1
Rice	0	7	0	2	9	0

a) Texas A&M defeated Notre Dame 35-10 in the Cotton Bowl.

b) Arkansas lost to Georgia 20-17 in the Liberty Bowl.

c) Texas defeated Pittsburgh 32-27 in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

d) Houston forfeited a regular-season victory vs. Temple for use of an ineligible player.

have been the highlight of Jackie Sherrill's six years as coach at A&M. The Aggies proved that they have one of the best defenses in the country, especially at linebacker, and they also showed that they can play more than one quarterback and succeed.

Sherrill had his pick of three quarterbacks in the spring: Bucky Richardson, an option specialist, Lance Pavlas, a pure passer, and Ole Miss transfer Chris Osgood, who can pass and run. All three are working under new offensive coordinator Joe Avezzano, formerly the offensive line coach. He replaced Lynn Amedee, whose ambition to become eventually a head coach or coach in the pros has now led him to a position as offensive coordinator at Florida.

Look for Richardson to start, although all three quarterbacks likely will play. They'll have help on offense, notably from sophomore halfback Darren Lewis, who showed last year that he may be the most exciting running back in the SWC since Reggie Dupard. Senior Matt Gurley will be the fullback.

Receivers will be senior Rod Harris and sophomore Gary Oliver, with junior Brian Ross at tight end. The offensive line returns all starters, except at left tackle and center. Pat Cunningham, a junior college transfer, likely will start at one tackle and sophomore Matt McCall returns at the other, with junior Richmond Webb and All-SWC senior Jerry Fontenot at the guards and sophomore Mike Arthur at center.

The defense starts with the linebackers, where senior John Roper and junior Aaron Wallace were the "Blitz Brothers" last season. They had a total 27 sacks. The inside linebackers are seniors Dana Batiste and Adam Bob, the defensive MVP of the Cotton Bowl.

Any problems the Aggies will have on defense this season will be at nose guard, where sophomore Jeff Huff will have to replace All-SWC Sammy O'Brient, or at safety, where the All-SWC tandem of Kip Corrington and Chet Brooks is gone.

Senior Leon Cole and junior Terry Price return at the defensive ends, and junior Gary Jones and senior Alex Morris return at cornerback. But little-used sophomore William Thomas may end up as the starter at free safety with junior Mickey Washington at strong safety. Or Jones or Morris could move back to safety. The Aggies have plenty of options.

Arkansas

Ken Hatfield is tired of people making fun of his run-at-all-cost offense, especially after a 20-17 loss to Georgia in the Liberty Bowl. He says they ran so much because his quarterbacks, Greg Thomas and Quinn Groves, were injured so much, although it was difficult for many to believe that it is easier for an unhealthy quarterback to run than to pass.

No matter. Hatfield says he has learned.

"We recognize the need to throw the ball more," he said. "The poorest thing we have done in the past is throw the ball when people know we have to throw the ball."

Groves, a 5-10, 180-pound sophomore, is no passer, but he is working on it. And he may be the best option quarterback in the league. When he wants to pitch, he'll have the option of 6-1, 222-pound senior James Rouse, a 1,000-yard rusher last season, or senior Joe Johnson. Both are halfbacks in the Arkansas Wishbone, or Flexbone, as Hatfield calls it. Sophomore Barry Foster will be the fullback.

But there will be a change in the formation this season. The Razorbacks will sometimes subtract a halfback and add a wingback, either freshman Chuck Monk or junior Tony Holmes. Hatfield says the wingback will allow them to put a running back out in the passing lanes.

Other receiving targets will be junior Tim Horton and sophomore Derek Russell, who will split time, and junior tight end Billy Winston.

Only one starter returns in the offensive line, but he is All-SWC senior guard Freddie Childress, who dropped from 362 to 322 pounds in the spring. The rest of the line will be filled by junior center Darren Worrell, sophomore guard Todd Gifford, junior tackle Rick Apolskis, and sophomore tackle Jim Mabry.

Hatfield also has changed the defense, reshaping into a traditional 5-2. He will use a four-deep secondary, instead of the three men and a rover he once employed, because of the increased passing in the SWC.

The defensive line will have senior Wayne Martin, who was suspended last spring after breaking a team rule, and junior Michael Shepherd at the defensive tackles. Senior Kerry Crawford will replace All-SWC nose guard Tony Cherico, a role Crawford filled well last season as a substitute.

Senior Kerry Owens will be one outside linebacker and senior Odis Lloyd, formerly a rover, will be the other. The inside linebackers will be seniors LaSalle Harper and Reggie Hall.

Senior Steve Atwater returns as one of the best safeties in the SWC, with redshirt freshman Kirk Collins filling the other newly created safety positions. Senior Richard Brothers and junior Anthony Cooney return at cornerback.

Texas

Fortune was good to David McWilliams in his return to Texas as head coach last season. He took the Longhorns to the Bluebonnet Bowl, where they beat Pittsburgh 32-27.

But the man who put them in the bowl game is gone. If not for quarterback Bret Stafford's miraculous last-second pass to Tony Jones in a 17-16 victory over Arkansas, the Longhorns would have had the same 5-6 record that led to Fred Akers' dismissal. Now McWilliams must find out if senior Shannon Kelley (6-1, 170) has the same grit as Stafford.

A factor in Kelley's favor is his superior passing arm, and McWilliams promises they will use it. Depending on the alignment, Kelley will throw to either junior tight end Stephen Clark, sophomore flex end Jorrick Battle, sophomore flanker Johnny Walker, or junior split end Tony Jones, the man who caught Stafford's last-gasp pass against Arkansas.

His best target, however, will be senior tailback Eric Metcalf, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate. Metcalf had 33 receptions for 238 yards last season and rushed for 1,161 on 223 carries. He has toyed with the idea of trying out for the Olympics in the long jump, at which he is the former NCAA champion, but probably would hate to see McWilliams cry.

The edge McWilliams has over A&M and Arkansas, other than his 15 returning starters to their 13, is Metcalf. And he has an experienced line to block for him.

Senior Ed Cunningham and junior Brian Nielsen return at the tackles, sophomore Duane Miller and



Linebacker John Roper forms one half of the Aggies' feared 'Blitz Brothers.'



senior Omar Saleh return at guard, and senior Alan Champagne will return at center.

The defensive line is set at tackle, with twin towers, junior Ken Hackemack (6-9, 282) and senior Steve Llewellyn (6-6, 270). Senior defensive end Bobby Duncum will return if he's academically eligible, with junior Jay Jaquess the only newcomer on the line.

Junior Duane Duncum, senior Britt Hager, and senior Lee Brockman return at linebacker, the last line of experience before reaching a young secondary. Junior Fred Stromile and sophomore Stanley Richard likely will be the cornerbacks, with junior James Lee a possibility at strong safety and sophomore Paul Behrman at free safety.

Texas Tech

Spike Dykes had the tiniest group of wide receivers in the SWC last season and the most explosive offense. Seniors Eddy Anderson, Wayne Walker, and Tyrone Thurman are all 5-9 or under, and Thurman, at 5-3, is under everyone.

But, as quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver says, Anderson could "catch BBs in a hailstorm," and Walker is the best deep threat in the league. And, if Tolliver is as consistent this fall as he was in spring practice, they will have plenty of chances to do what they do best.

The only question about Tech's offense going into this season is the offensive line, which lost all but one starter, junior tackle Charles Odiorne. But senior guard Chris Shafer, junior center Len Wright, junior guard Nathan Richburg, and junior tackle Jessie Hurst all played in a two-platoon system last season.

"We've got six or seven linemen capable of playing winning major college football," said Dykes, who has 11 starters returning as he goes into his second season.

Tolliver, a senior, has the best arm in the league but is also the most erratic. But the Raiders also can run when they want, pitching to juniors James Gray or Clifton Winston, who split time at tailback, or fullback Ervin Farris, also an excellent pass receiver. The tight end is junior Kevin Sprinkles.

Tech will need all the offense it can get because its defense returns just four starters. Told that it looked like the Raiders would just have to outscore everyone, Dykes deadpanned, "Isn't that your objective anyway?"

Sometimes even his offense wasn't good enough. The Raiders were shut out 31-0 last season against Arkansas and missed an Independence Bowl bid because they could score only 10 points in a 10-10 tie with Houston.

This defense may have trouble making up for any offensive shortcomings. The only returning starters in the front seven are senior tackle Desmond Royal and senior linebacker James Mosley. The rest will be filled in by seniors Terry Lynch and Eddie Kittle at defensive ends, junior Troy Hennington at tackle, and senior Dal Watson and junior Mike Derryberry at linebacker.

Dykes will have more experience in the secondary, where sophomore free safety Donald Harris was a defensive newcomer of the year in some polls. Senior Boyd Cowan returns at strong safety, with senior Dean Marusak and redshirt freshman

Texas has a Heisman Trophy candidate in running back Eric Metcalf.



Anders should pile up some big numbers in Houston's wide-open offense.

Sammy Walker joining the secondary at cornerback.

TCU

Alumni are grumbling at TCU, where Jim Wacker's tireless optimism is becoming tiresome. He has promised his team would achieve greatness and it appeared to be in sight when a four-game winning streak at midseason left the Horned Frogs in reach of the Cotton Bowl.

But TCU once again belied up at season's end. The Frogs lost their last three games—which has become a tradition. In their last three games of the season since 1972, the Frogs are 3-42-3. Fifteen returning starters are the main reasons Wacker thinks they will improve on that late-season record. But it won't be as easy to begin the season this time. They open with Georgia between the hedges.

Senior quarterback David Roscoe should get the Frogs off on the right foot in their Veer offense. He is not as fast or flashy as senior Scott Ankrom, who

now has become a utility man because of injuries, but still was dependable enough to collect some attention as a possible All-SWC quarterback.

What the Frogs are missing offensively is a game-breaking running back. In the last four years they have had Kenneth Davis and Tony Jeffery, but there is no one of that caliber at the moment. In fact, in the spring they were down to three scholarship running backs at one point because of injury.

Senior Bobby Davis and junior Tony Darthard will start at the halfbacks, with senior Scott Bednarski at fullback in the occasional Wishbone. The offensive line has some holes to fill, with junior Jeff Hopkins and senior Dennis Gooch at the tackles, 6-5, 294-pound junior Robby Adams and sophomore Mike Sullivan at the guards, and junior Jeff Daily at center.

Senior Reggie Davis will be the split end and senior Ricky Stone, who had arthroscopic surgery on a knee in the spring, will be at tight end.

TCU's defense made a dramatic improvement

last season under new defensive coordinator Rick Johnson. But Johnson left for Duke after one year and the job now belongs to Marc Dove, formerly of North Carolina. Wacker wants Dove to keep it simple, as Johnson did until late in the season, when they went to gimmicks to try to beat the Aggies and lost 42-24.

Dove will have some excellent components. All but one starter returns off what many thought was the SWC's best defensive line last season.

Seniors Tracy Simien and Darrell Davis will be at defensive end, with senior Mitchell Benson and junior Fred Washington, the team's best pass rusher, at tackle.

The weak point of the TCU defense has been at linebacker and the secondary. The secondary improved last season, especially with the development of All-SWC free safety Falanda Newton. But the linebackers still had problems. They will be junior John Dull, senior Paul Llewellyn, and junior Greg Moore.

Sophomore LeVoi Crump is considered a Newton clone at strong safety. Senior Andre Spencer returns at one cornerback and likely will be joined by senior Stanley Petry at the other corner.

Baylor

For years one of the symbols of Baylor football has been its huge offensive line. People said that the Bears' line was so big and moved so fast that it should have license plates on it.

But the Bears' line was far under par last season. And it hasn't gotten much better. Baylor will have five new starters, and the only unquestionable player is center Bobby Sign, a transfer from Pittsburgh. The rest of the group will likely be sophomore Mark Bass and junior Larry Vasbinder at guard and seniors Dennis Smith and David Richardson at tackles.

They will be trying to protect one of the hot young properties in the SWC, sophomore quarterback Brad Goebel. Goebel was All-SWC in some polls as he led the league in most passing categories. He did it without a good offensive line and a poor rushing game, which probably didn't get any better with senior Charles Perry and junior Jeff Murray returning.

Because of Goebel's long, lean frame (6-3, 192), the Bears likely won't run as much Veer offense as they have in the past. But Goebel will throw, and he has an excellent receiving prospect in sophomore tight end Steve Stutsman. His other targets will be sophomore Greg Anderson and sure-handed junior Bobby Jack Goforth.

What the Bears lack in offense they may be able to make up in defense. They are building what may be one of the best secondaries in the country. Coaches already are comparing junior safeties Mike Welch and Robert Blackmon to Vann McElroy, Ron Francis, and Thomas Everett, all former Bears who are starting in the NFL. The cornerbacks will be senior Norris Blount, son of former Steeler great Mel, and junior Ray Crockett.

Baylor's linebackers and defensive line are not as good. Junior James Francis, Ron's younger brother, is the best. Junior Gary Joe Kinne and sophomore John Godfrey will also start.

The defensive line will be helped considerably if senior defensive ends Sam Collins and Eugene Hall are academically eligible. If not, sophomore Greg Oefinger and senior Vincent Carpenter will have to pick up the slack at tackle.



Tailback James Gray (1,006 yards, 12 TDs) leads Texas Tech's explosive offensive attack.

Houston

Jack Pardee was watching his team work out in the spring of 1987 when an old friend from his USFL days approached. Pardee looked at him wearily and said, "What the heck are we doing?"

Pardee has since figured it out. After a poor start, the Cougars were 3-0-1 in their last four games. OK, so they had to forfeit their victory over Temple because of an ineligible player. The NCAA says it still counts in the streak.

Pardee's Run-and-Shoot offense began to wear out SWC defenses last season; wingback Jason Phillips led the nation in receiving. The Cougars use two wide receivers (junior Kevin Mason and sophomore Brian Williams), two wingbacks (Phillips and James Dixon, both seniors) and one running back (junior Kimble Anders), who also will catch a lot of passes.

Who will be throwing these passes is another question. Sophomore Andre Ware likely will start because of his tremendous athletic ability. But senior David Dacus, who replaced Ware at mid-season after he broke his arm, set several school records in six games, and is not the type who likes to stand on the sideline. After the last game of the season, he said it was obvious to him that he should be the starter.

Blocking for this group will be a veteran group consisting of junior tackles Byron Forsythe and Joey Banes, senior guards Paul Hearn and William Gant, and 235-pound senior center Corky Gore, the only newcomer of the bunch.

Returning SWC Statistical Leaders

PASSING

1987

Name	School	Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Quinn Grovey	Arkansas	2	38	62	495	2
Brad Goebel	Baylor	4	158	305	2,178	9
David Roscoe	TCU	5	88	173	1,110	9
Quentis Roper	Rice	6	76	158	884	4

RUSHING

1987

Name	School	Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Eric Metcalf	Texas	2	223	1,161	5.2	10
James Gray	Texas Tech	3	199	1,006	5.1	12
James Rouse	Arkansas	4	182	1,004	5.5	17
Tony Darthard	TCU	5	142	878	6.2	4
Kimble Anders	Houston	6	153	841	5.5	8
Lorenzo Cyphers	Rice	7	170	751	4.4	5
Darren Lewis	Texas A&M	8	127	668	5.3	8

RECEIVING

1987

Name	School	Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Jason Phillips	Houston	1	99	875	8.8	3
Kimble Anders	Houston	2	61	707	11.6	6
James Dixon	Houston	3	59	659	11.2	3
Tony Jones	Texas	5	31	457	14.7	4
Eric Metcalf	Texas	6	33	238	7.2	0
Wayne Walker	Texas Tech	7	32	659	20.6	5
Lorenzo Cyphers	Rice	8	31	187	6.0	1

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

The Cougars' defense will be a bigger problem. They return all four starters in the line—seniors Keith Jenkins and Craig Veasey at the ends, and senior Glenn Montgomery and junior Alfred Oglesby at the tackles. But they will have two new starters at linebacker, where former SMU defensive tackle Robert McDade is being tried in the middle. Junior linebacker Lamar Lathon returns, but the other position is up for grabs.

Houston's secondary is highlighted by All-SWC cornerback Johnny Jackson, who set an NCAA record last season by returning three interceptions for touchdowns against Texas. Jackson's presence will make it tough on senior Derrick Price, the other corner. Senior Johnny Norwood returns at free safety, with senior Kevin Tuggle taking over at strong safety.

Rice

The SWC's defensive newcomer of the year last season will be starting at quarterback for the Owls. And that's the good news.

Rice had plenty of problems last season, most of them on a defense that couldn't keep any healthy linebackers on the field. Things got so bad that coach Jerry Berndt put Donald Hollas, whom he considered a potential star at quarterback, at safety. Hollas, a 6-3, 215-pounder, proved to be a tremendous athlete capable of the challenge.

But now Hollas will be back at quarterback, where Berndt believes his talent and leadership will make a difference. His ability should soften the loss of quarterback Quantis Roper, who had shoulder

Sophomore QB Bucky Richardson (right) is scheduled to lead the Aggie attack; Baylor's Brad Goebel may be the SWC's top QB, and he's only a sophomore.



surgery last spring and likely will become a tailback.

Hollas does have some talent to work with on offense. Senior Courtney Hall may be the best center in the league, and he has a deep stable of wide receivers, beginning with seniors Chris Nixon and Mike Boudousquie. The tight end will be junior Melvin Turner.

Playing on either side of Hall on the offensive line will be junior guard Allen Koch and sophomore guard Richard Segina, sophomore tackle Joe Roseborough and senior tackle David Maberry.

Roper now will alternate with sophomore Eric Henley and junior Richard Williams at tailback, with Lorenzo Cyphers at fullback.

The defense still has question marks. Senior Ted Humphreys returns at nose guard, with senior David Alston and sophomore Jacques Torres taking over at tackle. The linebackers likely will be senior Jeff Hood, senior Wade Lee, sophomore O. J. Brigrance, and junior Will Hollas, older brother of quarterback Donald, who received an extra year of eligibility after missing most of last season because of medical problems.

The Owls are trying to come up with the four best defensive backs available to play in the secondary, and the only certainties are that senior William McClay and junior Everett Coleman will play somewhere. Sophomores Nigel Codrington, Otha Latin, and David Griffin are candidates for the other two spots. ■

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- 1972-Feb. 11: Floyd Patterson vs. Oscar Bonavena.
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- 1967-Feb. 6: Muhammad Ali vs. Ernie Terrell.
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- 1959-Aug. 28: Carmen Basilio vs. Gene Fullmer.
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- 1960-Dec. 18: Browns vs. Giants.
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- 1961-Sept. 20: Marris' 59th as Yanks win pennant at Baltimore.
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- 1963-The NFL Title Game. Giants at Bears.
- 1964-Feb. 25: The upset of upsets. Sonny Liston vs. Cassius Clay.
- 1971-Nov. 17: Muhammad Ali vs. Buster Mathis.
- 1963-Nov. 17: S.F. 49ers at Giants.
- 1962-Apr. 14: The 2nd home game in Met history. Pirates at Mets.
- 1951-Feb. 14: Sugar Ray Robinson vs. Jake LaMotta.
- 1962-Apr. 17: Yankees (Ford) at Orioles (Brown).
- 1948-June 25: Joe Louis vs. Joe Wolcott.
- 1965-May 25: The Clay-Liston rematch in Maine.
- 1964-Sept. 20: Giants at Steelers.
- 1964-Nov. 22: Steelers at Giants.
- 1964-The NFL Title Game. Colts vs. Browns.
- 1962-Apr. 22: The last Met loss before their 1st win and the Pirates' 10th straight victory.
- 1978-Feb. 15: Another tremendous upset. Leon Spinks vs. Muhammad Ali.
- 1965-Jan. 1: Joe Namath's last college game. Orange Bowl. Alabama vs. Texas.
- 1962-Apr. 29: Game 1 of dh. The 1st shutout by a Met hurler. Al Jackson blanks the Phillies (Mahaflay).
- 1962-May 6: M & M homer. Bouton's 1st M.L. start. Senators (Burnside) at N.Y.
- 1965-Sept. 19: Giants at Cowboys.
- 1965-Nov. 20: Michigan State at Notre Dame.
- 1966-Oct. 1: Notre Dame at Northwestern.
- 1962-May 11: Milwaukee Braves (Shaw) at Mets (A. Jackson).
- 1962-May 13: Game 1 of dh. Yanks (Ford) at Indians (Donovan).
- 1962-May 13: Game 2 of dh. Yanks (Bouton) at Indians (Bell).
- 1978-Sept. 15: The Spinks-All rematch.
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- 1962-May 18: A 5 homer game. Mets (Craig) at Milwaukee Braves (Spahn).
- 1962-May 21: Mets (Hillman) at Houston Colt 45's (Golden).
- 1962-May 27: Game 1 of dh. Tigers (Lary) at Yanks (Terry).
- 1962-May 27: Game 2 of dh. Tigers (Foytack) at Yanks (Terry).
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- 1962-June 17: Throneberry triples and fails to touch first! Cubs (Hobbie) at Mets (A. Jackson).
- 1962-July 1: L.A. Angels (Don Lee) at Yanks (Terry).
- 1962-July 15: The W.S. bound Giants (Pierce) at Mets (Hook).
- 1967-Oct. 28: Michigan State vs. Notre Dame.
- 1968-The Orange Bowl. Oklahoma vs. Tennessee.
- 1968-The NFL Title Game. Colts vs. Browns.
- 1962-Sept. 26: The Mets lose to Milwaukee. It was their 118th loss of the season, breaking a record held by the 1916 Philadelphia A's.
- 1962-Sept. 30: The last game of the LONG Mets' 1st season. Mets at Cubs and the Cubs pull off a triple play.
- 1969-Nov. 15: Purdue at Ohio State.
- 1965-Apr. 25: Game 1 of dh. L.A. Angels (Lopez) at Yanks (Ford).
- 1971-The Cotton Bowl. Notre Dame vs. Texas.
- 1968-Sept. 28: Mantle's last game. Yanks at Bosox.
- 1969-Sept. 23: Mets (McAndrew) clinch tie for N.L. East vs. St. Louis (Gibson).
- 1963-June 18: Pete Rose's rookie year. Mets (Jackson) at Reds (Maloney).
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- 1972-May 14: Willie Mays' Met debut. His homer #647 defeats S.F.
- 1968-The Tiger pennant clincher.
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- 1968-Sept. 27: Mantle's next to last game. Yanks at Boston.
- 1977-June 22: A 20+ run slugfest. Yanks vs. Tigers.
- 1968-Dennis McLain's 30th win of the season.
- 1977-Tigers: at Rangers. Gaylord Perry becomes the 3rd pitcher in M.L. history to win 100 games in both leagues.
- 1976-Apr. 15: Twins (Goltz) at Yanks (May). The 1st game in the refurbished Stadium.
- 1971-Nov. 7: Chargers at Giants.
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- 1972-Dec. 2: The high scoring Notre-Dame-U.S.C. game.
- 1972-Oct. 21: Missouri upsets the Fighting Irish.
- 1977-Nov. 6: W.H.A. N.E. Whalers at Stingers.
- 1973-Oct. 1: The Mets N.L. East clincher at Chicago.
- 1970-Apr. 30: The Mets' incredibly durable Nolan faces the Giants.
- 1977-Sept. 29: The next to last game played in Washington, D.C. Yanks at Senators.
- 1971-Sept. 30: The last game in D.C. Yanks at Senators.
- 1968-Aug. 25: Rocky Colavito pitches in relief for N.Y. Tigers at Yanks.
- 1969-May 13: Yanks (Stottlemyre) at Seattle Pilots (Bell).
- 1973-Oct. 6: Army at Georgia Tech.
- 1973-Dec. 9: Jets at Eagles.
- 1974-Dec. 21: Cardinals at Vikes playoff.
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- RECREATION: Every batter-every play. Game 4-1950 W.S. Yanks sweep Phillies.
- 1967-June 4: Game 1 of dh. Tigers (Lolich) at Yanks (Downing).
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- 1977-May 24: Angels (Ryan) at Tigers (Hiller).
- 1975-Nov. 2: Cowboys at Redskins.
- 1976-July 23: THE DELUGE. Steelers vs. College All Stars.
- 1977-Dec. 26: Bears at Cowboys playoff.
- 1977-Dec. 26: Vikes at Rams playoff.
- 1977-Dec. 30: The Gator Bowl. Clemson Tigers vs. Pittsburgh Panthers.
- 1984-Mar. 11: U.S.F.L. The Pittsburgh Maulers' home opener vs. Birmingham Stallions.
- 1984-Feb. 26: U.S.F.L. Pittsburgh Maulers at Oklahoma Outlaws.
- 1956-Sept. 26: Heavyweights Bob Barker vs. Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson.
- 1977-Nov. 20: Browns at Giants.
- 1977-Nov. 29: Penn State vs. Pittsburgh.
- 1977-Oct. 29: Navy vs. Notre Dame.
- 1965-July 5: Game 1 of dh. Cubs (Ellsworth) at Mets (Spahn).
- 1967-Aug. 27: Yanks (Peterson) at Senators (Ortega).
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- 1972-July 4: Game 1 of dh. Tom Seaver one hits the Padres.
- 1975-Sept. 6: Twins (Blyleven) at Chicsox (J. Kaat).
- 1977-Oct. 9: Raiders, going for 18 straight wins, play the Browns.
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6. Hawaii
7. Utah
8. Colorado St.
9. New Mexico

BRIGHAM YOUNG HAS FINISHED AS the Western Athletic Conference's runner-up the past two seasons.

This year the Cougars should return to the top of the standings—a position they held for 10 straight years—on the strength of junior quarterback Sean Covey or freshman redshirt Ty Detmer. But it won't be easy.

Defending champion Wyoming has a lot of holes to fill, but will still be strong in the interior line positions.

Texas-El Paso finished last season with a 7-4 record, its best showing in 20 years. With All-WAC running back John Harvey returning, the Miners could walk away with the championship trophy.

Hawaii with its spread offense is always dangerous, while Air Force, with sophomore quarterback Dee Dowis, could challenge for the conference crown.

New Mexico hopes that some of its ample supply of redshirts will make a difference, while Utah, Colorado State, and San Diego State are still trying to rebuild from disappointing seasons.

Brigham Young

The Cougars have some holes to fill on both sides of the line if they are going to win the WAC championship.

BYU stumbled to a 3-3 start last year before Sean Covey took over for Bob Jensen. The Cougars then rattled off six straight victories before losing to Virginia in the All-American Bowl.

This year the Cougars appear to be on solid foot-



QB Craig Burnett, who led Wyoming to the WAC title in '87, must be replaced.

ing with experience at the offensive skill positions.

BYU brings back all of its running backs, but the jury is still out on their effectiveness. Fullback Fred Whittingham (5-10, 205) was the team's top rusher with 418 yards.

Covey (1,833 yards) was the No. 1 quarterback after spring practice, but Detmer (6-0, 175) is close behind in case a change is needed. Tight end Darren Handley, the team's leading receiver with 52 receptions, is also back.

BYU has a veteran offensive line with three returnees, led by senior Brian White.

The Cougars' defensive strength will be in the backfield with All-WAC strong safety Troy Long and free safety Scott Peterson. Rodney Rice is also back at the left corner. But they must replace two linemen and three linebackers.

If the Cougars can win early meetings against

Wyoming and UTEP, they should be the team to beat.

"We need to play well early," said BYU coach LaVell Edwards. "We go to Wyoming in our first game, and we can't afford not to play well."

UTEP

Hopes are high this year in El Paso as the Miners return eight offensive and seven defensive starters from last year's team.

"Our main concern is to develop some depth and bring along our young kids," said third-year coach Bob Stull. "We've got to look to the future inasmuch as we have a large senior class this year."

The offensive focus will be on senior quarterback Pat Hegarty (2,064 yards) and running back John Harvey (1,170 yards rushing).

Stull will have to find replacements at wide

1987 WAC Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Wyoming ^a	8	0	0	10	3	0
Brigham Young ^b	7	1	0	9	4	0
Air Force ^c	6	2	0	9	4	0
Texas-El Paso	5	3	0	7	4	0
San Diego State	4	4	0	5	7	0
Hawaii	3	5	0	5	7	0
Utah	2	6	0	5	7	0
Colorado State	1	7	0	1	11	0
New Mexico	0	8	0	0	11	0

a) Wyoming lost to Iowa 20-19 in the Holiday Bowl.
b) BYU lost to Virginia 22-16 in the All-American Bowl.
c) Air Force lost to Arizona State 33-28 in the Freedom Bowl.

receiver, but Arnie Adkinson returns at tight end. Bill Ross will lead a field of candidates to fill the widest spots.

Defensively, the Miners will be led by junior linebacker Doug Morgan who recorded 76 unassisted tackles last year. UTEP's entire defensive backfield returns, but the Miners will have to replace two starters on the defensive line.

The Miners should continue to improve, and if they get on a roll, they could wind up in the Holiday Bowl.

Wyoming

Second-year coach Paul Roach will have to rebuild the skill positions of an offense that beat its conference opponents by an average of 21 points per game last season.

The Pokes have to find replacements for their top five receivers, quarterback Craig Burnett, and running back Gerald Abraham. But the entire offensive line returns, led by All-WAC tackle Tony Kapushion (6-3, 275). Fullback Steve Bena (524 yards) also returns. Randy Welniak (6-0, 180), who redshirted last year, will be the top candidate at quarterback.

Defensively, Wyoming will have to refill several positions. But defensive ends David Edeen and sophomore Mitchell Donahue are back, as are free safety Daryl Harris and cornerback Eric Coleman.

"I think overall we have a very good nucleus," said Roach, who is also the Cowboys athletic director. "We will be more inexperienced than the

group we went into last fall with. Our experienced players will need to improve and play even better than they did a year ago, if we are maintain a quality team."

Wyoming was a confident team last season. If the new players can acquire that feeling, the Cowboys may repeat as WAC champs.

Air Force

The Falcons, who finished with a 9-4 record last season, will have an experienced hand to run their Wishbone offense.

Dee Dowis (5-10, 160) returns from his extraordinary freshman campaign, when he rushed for 1,315 yards. Albert Booker (5-11, 185) and Anthony Roberson (5-8, 154) are back at the halfback positions.

"We've got more playing experience and pure talent coming back, you bet," said coach Fisher DeBerry. "This really can become an exciting football team. We also want to become a team that has absolutely no reservations about throwing the ball."

Defensively, the Falcons lose Outland Trophy winner Chad Hennings and inside linebacker Rip Burgwald, the team's leading tackler in 1987.

"You don't replace him [Hennings]," said DeBerry. "You try to soften the blow, best you can."

Air Force will try to strengthen its pass defense, which was noticeably weak last year.

Free safety Mario Mathis and cornerback Gary Kilmer return to the backfield, but some of the

halfbacks may be switched over to defense to help out.

There is a possibility that only three seniors will start on the Air Force defense.

The Cadets may get another bowl invitation, but the WAC title is probably a year away.

San Diego State

The first thing the Aztecs have to do is find a replacement for all-time NCAA passing leader Todd Santos. Brad Platt, Scott Barrick, and last year's back-up, Jack Skoog, lead the field of quarterback candidates.

"We don't have anyone with [much] experience, but that doesn't mean we don't have some talented candidates," said head coach Denny Stoltz. "I like all three of our kids."

Whoever gets the starting quarterback now will have a talented group to throw to. Wide receivers Alfred Jackson and Monty Gilbreath are back, as is Kerry Reed-Martin (32 receptions, seven TDs) at tight end. Running back Paul Hewitt (24 TDs) will lead the rushing attack, while center Kevin Wells will anchor the offensive line.

On the other side of the ball, the Aztecs are rebuilding from a disastrous season, when they gave up an average of 434 yards per game.

"What we've decided to do is essentially start from ground zero to rebuild our defensive unit," said Stoltz. "We've introduced the odd-man front as our basic formation."

Sophomore linebacker Morey Paul had 98 tackles



Super Sophomore Dee Dowis will lead Air Force's Wishbone attack, after rushing for 1,315 yards last season.



Texas-El Paso, led by the strong running of John Harvey, has an excellent shot at the WAC title.



Colorado State is counting on All-WAC safety Ron Cortell to be a team leader.

during his freshman season, and All-America candidate Mario Mitchell hopes to improve on last year's injury-plagued campaign at cornerback. Still, the Aztecs will be hard-pressed to regain the WAC title they lost in 1987.

Hawaii

The Rainbows have at least one advantage heading into the 1988 season—they now have one year of experience playing the Run-and-Shoot offense.

"We are a lot further ahead than we were last year with the offense," said second-year coach Bob Wagner, who finished his first year with a 3-5 league record, 5-7 overall. "We have a lot of offensive people back."

Leading that group is All-WAC running back Heikoti Fakava (792 yards). There is also experience at quarterback with two part-time starters back. Garrett Gabriel occupied the No. 1 spot after spring practice with Warren Jones at No. 2.

"We would prefer not to shuttle quarterbacks this year," said Wagner. "We will see how the competition goes before we name a starter."

Second team All-WAC offensive tackle Amosa Amosa heads a group of three returning starters on the offensive line.

The defense, however, has its work cut out with only one defensive linemen and two linebackers returning. Junior Dana Directol is back on the line, while Brian Belcher and Mark Odom will again fill their linebacking positions.

Utah

The Utes had plenty of offense in 1987 but no defense.

The offense racked up an average of 437.5 yards an outing, but most of that was nullified by a defense that surrendered 476 yards a game.

"Our defense began to improve toward the end of



BYU, 3-3 early last year, won six straight after Sean Covey took over at QB.

Returning WAC Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	Rank ^a	Comp.	Atts.	Yds.	TDs
Scott Mitchell	Utah	3	109	188	1,448	8
Sean Covey	BYU	4	132	217	1,668	8
Scooter Molander	Colorado St.	5	237	407	3,168	16
Pat Hegarty	UTEP	7	153	273	2,064	13
Garrett Gabriel	Hawaii	8	47	91	715	4

RUSHING

Name	School	Rank ^b	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Dee Dowis	Air Force	1	194	1,315	6.8	10
John Harvey	UTEP	2	235	1,170	5.0	16
Paul Hewitt	San Diego St.	4	233	1,001	4.3	18
Scott Whitehouse	Colorado St.	5	183	812	4.4	6
Heikoti Fakava	Hawaii	6	163	792	4.9	16
Andy Smith	Air Force	8	130	635	4.9	5
Anthony Roberson	Air Force	9	84	569	6.8	10

RECEIVING

Name	School	Rank ^c	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Terance Mathis	New Mexico	1	73	1,132	15.5	8
Carl Harry	Utah	4	63	826	13.1	3
Matt Bellini	BYU	5	51	548	10.8	3
Curt Jones	Utah	7	56	584	10.4	6
John Duff	New Mexico	8	51	701	13.8	6
Darren Handley	BYU	9	52	636	12.2	3

a) Based on passing efficiency rating in regular-season games.

b) Based on yards per regular-season game.

c) Based on receptions per regular-season game.

last season," said head coach Jim Fassel. "Our returning players began to understand our defensive package last year, and we'll be able to add some more variations."

All-WAC defensive back Eric Jacobsen returns after recording a league-high seven interceptions in 1987. Sophomore linebacker Frank Bonifacio is also back.

The offense is set around sophomore quarterback Scott Mitchell (6-6, 215), who passed for 1,448 yards and nine touchdowns while sharing time in '87.

"Scott Mitchell is the finest quarterback I've coached since John Elway; they have many similar traits," said Fassel. "Our key offensively is to get our linemen mended from injuries."

Senior running back Eddie Johnson (5-8, 180) received another year of eligibility after suffering a severe knee injury early last season. He rushed for 1,046 yards in 1986. Last year's leading rusher, Martell Black (520 yards) quit the team but returned in the spring. Wide receiver Carl Harry (63 receptions, 826 yards) will give Mitchell some experience on the outside.

The Utes will be able to eat up yardage, but the defense remains a question mark.

Colorado State

The Rams fell to a lackluster 1-11 record last season, losing four games by a total of 18 points. But coach Leon Fuller hopes some additional experience can help his club come out on top in close games this season.

"What we have to do now is come back and be a good football team, and develop into the way we are capable of being," he said. "I think we have an excellent chance of doing that. Look at last season—if we could have scored one more touchdown [per game], or allowed one less touchdown, we would have won six more games."

Quarterback Scooter Molander (3,168 yards) will again lead the Ram offense. Second team All-WAC halfback Scott Whitehouse also returns.

All-WAC free safety Ron Cortell (5-8, 165), who led the Rams with 129 tackles (80 unassisted) last season, returns on defense.

New Mexico

The Lobos have nowhere to go but up. After last year's 0-11 record, second-year coach Mike Sheppard hopes his 27 redshirts from last year will be able to step in and help immediately.

The Lobos have 57 new players in the program this season. They return 16 lettermen on offense and nine on defense, plus Rick Walsh, who will probably be handling the kicking chores.

"We didn't necessarily redshirt everybody for the future," said Sheppard. "There were a lot of situations where we had no other choice."

The Lobos are hoping to center their offense around wide receiver Terance Mathis, who was fourth in the nation with 73 receptions. But he still has to clear some academic hurdles before he can become eligible.

Defensively, New Mexico will be trying to improve on a unit that surrendered 507 yards per game.

"Our only prediction is that we will be better than last year," said Sheppard. "We feel real good about our possibilities for the future." ■

—Tom Christensen

Pac-10

Predicted Order of Finish

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Washington
4. California
5. Arizona
6. Arizona St.
7. Oregon
8. Stanford
9. Washington St.
10. Oregon St.

JOHNN COOPER, THEN THE COACH AT Arizona State, was doing his broken-record imitation during all of last preseason. To hear Cooper tell it, over and over again, only a "village idiot" would not have picked UCLA to win the 1987 Pac-10 championship.

Cooper had a lot of company in his assessment. The Bruins had it all: a dream backfield that had thunder in quarterback Troy Aikman's arm and lightning in tailback Gaston Green's legs, fast receivers, an awesome corps of linebackers, and an experienced secondary.

You know the rest. The village idiot turned out to be a pretty smart cookie. Especially if he picked Southern Cal. The Trojans had a talented quarterback themselves, Rodney Peete, who outplayed Aikman when the teams met in the final regular-season game with the Rose Bowl on the line. USC won, 17-13, making Pac-10 champs of the Trojans and first-year head coach Larry Smith. The conference, however, suffered the ignominy of losing the Rose Bowl for the first time in seven years when Michigan State beat the Trojans.

Both Peete and Aikman return as seniors, and battle lines have been drawn for an intricacy Heisman Trophy duel, the likes of which Los Angeles has not seen since Gary Beban of UCLA nosed out O. J. Simpson of USC in 1967.

The Trojans and Bruins aren't the only teams

with quarterbacks returning. Nine of 10 starters are back; only Washington's Chris Chandler has departed. More than ever, the Pac-10 this season should live up to its reputation as a wide-open, passing conference.

USC

The Trojans aren't quite as wide-open as other teams in the conference, especially with Smith, who jumped from Arizona last season, espousing a balanced, ball-control offense. It will be difficult, however, to keep the shackles on Peete, who can drop back, roll out, run the option, and scramble. The fourth-ranked passer nationally in 1987, Peete (197 for 322, 59.3%, 2,709 yards, 21 TDs) set 12 USC records last year, including marks in the career, season, and game categories in passing yardage and total offense.

"Rodney is a legitimate All-America candidate if there ever was one," said Smith. "He's the heart and soul of our team. He has the athletic ability and the statistics. He's an exciting, gutsy player who has a knack for making big plays. And off the field he's got unbelievable charisma and class."

The running game is more uncertain. Often-injured senior tailback Steve Webster, who led the Pac-10 in rushing with 1,109 yards, missed spring practice because of torn knee ligaments suffered in the UCLA game. Sophomores Scott Lockwood and Ricky Erving might have to come through. Then there is junior Aaron Emanuel, who missed all of last season with off-the-field problems. On top of that, Emanuel had surgery in January to repair a broken bone in his foot and also had arthroscopic knee surgery.

Peete's targets include senior Erik Affholter (44 catches, 649 yards) and junior John Jackson (37, 578, and 7 TDs). Smith said that Affholter is "the most underrated player in America," but the secret is out, especially after his game-winning catch against UCLA. As for senior Paul Green (31, 317), "There isn't a better tight end in America," said Smith. And the line will be huge in typical Trojan fashion, with three starters back.

A defense that improved steadily last season features seven returning veterans, including the entire defensive line, which is among the nation's best. Tackle Tim Ryan, a 6-5, 250-pound junior who has started since he was a freshman, is being pushed for All-America honors.

If the Trojans have a weak link on defense it is at linebacker. But that's mainly because the line and the secondary are so good. Safeties Cleveland Colter, a junior (100 tackles, six interceptions), and sophomore Mark Carrier are making Smith so giddy with their progress that he is comparing them to a former USC tandem, Ronnie Lott and Dennis Smith.

Senior punter Chris Sperle and sophomore place-kicker Quin Rodriguez (13 of 17 FGs) handle a solid kicking game.

UCLA

Terry Donahue, who has the seventh-highest winning percentage (.720) among NCAA Division I coaches, hates it when the so-called experts pick his UCLA Bruins to win it all. Donahue should be happy this season. The Bruins' talent is a given year after year, but too many departures on both sides of the ball should weaken their chances for a championship.

"We're down a little bit," Donahue said. "The depth of the football team is nowhere near what it was a year ago. We're definitely off a notch."

Save your tears. The offense starts with Aikman, a senior constructed in the mold of the prototype NFL quarterback at 6-3½, 217 pounds. Last season, his first at UCLA after transferring from Oklahoma, Aikman (178 for 273, 65.2%, 2,527 yards, 17 TDs, and just eight interceptions) ranked No. 2 nationally in passing efficiency.

"I've never had anybody who could throw the ball like that," Donahue said. "We've had some really good quarterbacks, a whole bunch of them, but I don't think any of those guys had the skill level that Troy has."

Aikman might have to throw even more this season. Gone is Green, as well as fullback Mel Farr and James Primus, who played both tailback and fullback. But senior tailback Eric Ball can nearly be Green's equal, assuming he avoids the injury bug that has plagued him. Sophomore tailback Brian Brown (5.7 average) is no slouch, either. Fullback is up for grabs.

The wide receiver corps was hit hard by losses. So much so that quarterback Brendan McCracken is trying to make the transition to pass-catcher. Junior tight end Charles Arbuckle, who had arthroscopic knee surgery, is being touted as a future All-American. The offensive line needs to replace three starters.

New faces also will dot the Bruins defense. One old hand is senior Jim Wahler, who moves from defensive tackle to his natural nose guard position. Senior outside linebacker Carnell Lake, built like a defensive back at 6-feet, 205-pounds, is often too quick to block. He led the Pac-10 with 13 quarterback sacks. Senior inside 'backer Chance Johnson is one of the best on the West Coast, and senior outside linebacker Eric Smith is attempting a comeback from back surgery that caused him to miss all of last year.

Senior cornerback Daryl Henley, an outstanding cover man, is the only returning starter in the secondary. All-Pac-10 placekicker Alfredo Velasco (20 of 24 FGs), a sophomore, and senior punter Harold Barkate (41.7) give the Bruins perhaps the best kicking game in the league.

Washington

The plan last year was for Chandler to go the distance, allowing back-up quarterback Cary Conklin to redshirt. Injuries to Chandler ruined that idea, and Conklin was pressed into service. Now he has the job to himself.

"Actually, it's better for this year now that we've played him because he has experience," Huskies coach Don James said.

James said Conklin, a junior, can be as good as other quarterbacks he coached who moved on to the NFL—Chandler, Steve Pelluer, Tom Flick, and Warren Moon—listing his strengths as "his size, his athletic ability, his intelligence, and his arm." Is that all?

Who Conklin will be throwing to is the question. Darryl Franklin is gone, leaving senior Brian Slater (38 catches, 696 yards) as the most experienced wide receiver. Senior tailback Vince Weathersby (682 yards), who ranks in the Huskies top five in rushing, receiving, and all-purpose yardage, missed spring practice because of shoulder surgery, but this could be the Huskies' deepest bevy of ball

1987 Pac-10 Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
USC ^a	7	1	0	8	4	0
UCLA ^b	7	1	0	10	2	0
Washington ^c	4	3	1	7	4	1
Arizona State ^d	3	3	1	7	4	1
Oregon	4	4	0	6	5	0
Stanford	4	4	0	5	6	0
Arizona	2	3	3	4	4	3
California	2	3	2	3	6	2
Washington State	1	5	1	3	7	1
Oregon State	0	7	0	2	9	0

- a) USC lost to Michigan State 20-17 in the Rose Bowl.
 b) UCLA defeated Florida 20-16 in the Aloha Bowl.
 c) Washington defeated Tulane 24-12 in the Independence Bowl.
 d) Arizona State defeated Air Force 33-28 in the Freedom Bowl.

carriers in years. Senior fullback Aaron Jenkins ran for 668 yards in '87. Leading the way will be senior tackle Mike Zandofsky, a 300-pound All-America candidate and the best of a veteran offensive line.

Zandofsky's counterpart on defense is tackle Dennis Brown. The 6-4, 302-pound junior had 19 tackles for losses last year, two behind the school record held by Ron Holmes.

"He's just so big and strong," James said. "He's a 300-pounder with lateral quickness. He's an aggressive player who's hard to block one-on-one."

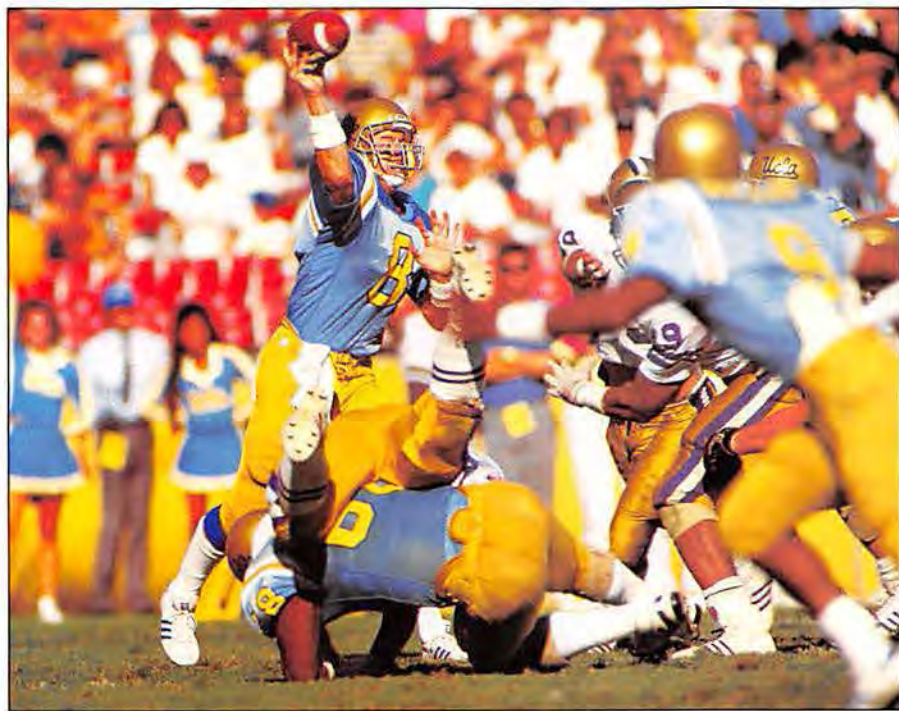
Brown's importance will be greater than ever because the Huskies lost six senior linebackers, including the perennial starting trio of David Rill, Bo Yates, and Tom Erlandson. Senior Ricky Andrews will try to solve some problems by moving to the inside from strong safety.

In the secondary, experience abounds. Senior Darryl Hall moves from free to strong safety, and senior Art Malone returns at cornerback. Both have been around. So has cornerback Le-Lo Lang, a junior. Sophomore Eugene Burkhalter, a highly touted prep prospect, becomes a starter at free safety. Junior cornerback Tony Zackery, a former starter, is back after knee surgery.

The usually steady kicking game was shaky last year—Washington was last in the Pac-10 in net punting—and needs to return to form if the Huskies are to challenge the Trojans and Bruins.



Coach Smith calls Peete 'a gutsy player with a knack for making big plays.'



UCLA's Aikman ranked second in the nation in passing efficiency last year.

California

Here's the surprise pick, folks. The Golden Bears, one of the nation's most improved teams last season under first-year coach Bruce Snyder, will be even better. They're even talking about—dare we say it?—a bowl bid.

Check the numbers. The Bears have 10 starters back on offense, nine on defense. Six of their first seven games are winnable. The problem with the schedule, however, is that the next three games are at Arizona, at USC, and at Washington. Gulp. Also, five of the seven conference games are on the road.

Quarterback Troy Taylor (169 for 278, 60.8%, 2,081 yards, 18 TDs) practically created a sonic boom until breaking his finger in the ninth game of the season. As a sophomore, he ranked 14th nationally in passing efficiency.

Oklahoma transfer Chris Richards, a senior, showed Sooner-like speed at tailback, rushing for 819 yards. Not only one set of wideouts, but two, return for Taylor. The tandem of Mike Ford and Mike Smith caught 46 balls for 661 yards in 1987. Both are juniors. The season before last, Vince Delgado and James Devers, who missed last year



Tailback Vince Weathersby leads a very deep Washington backfield.

with injuries, caught 49 passes for 686 yards. Added to this group is junior college transfer Junior Tagalola, of whom much is anticipated.

Inside linebacker David Ortega becomes the main man on defense with the departure of outside 'backer Ken Harvey. A junior, Ortega last year led the team in tackles and had six interceptions, most ever by a Cal linebacker.

Senior nose guard Majett Whiteside and junior tackle Joel Dickson, a converted linebacker who had eight sacks in the final four games, anchor the line. The secondary, however, might be the trouble spot; the Bears need more speed. And replacing All-America punter Scott Tabor will be a difficult chore.



Quarterback Troy Taylor is the key player on an improved California squad.

Arizona

Losing a No. 1 quarterback, as the Wildcats did last year, could have been a problem. Instead, it became an opportunity.

Freshman Ronald Veal took over when Bobby Watters broke his finger in the third game against UCLA and lent a new dimension to an already complex offense that featured both the Run-and-Shoot and the Wishbone. Voila, the Veal-Bone. He made mistakes and was bothered by a pulled hamstring, but his ability as a two-way threat (1,239 yards passing, a team-high 566 yards rushing) often gave defenses fits.

"Ronnie Veal got his college education," said Cats coach Dick Tomey, who replaced Smith last year. "He expected to be on the sidelines, watching the game with his buddies. Instead, he was in the heat of the battle."

Tomey will have some choices, though, because Watters, the transfer from SMU, is back. One priority no matter who plays quarterback is to improve the passing attack (Arizona was first in rushing and last in passing) and cut down on turnovers (20 lost fumbles, worst in the league).

With senior All-America center Joe Tofflemire paving the way, junior tailback Art Greathouse (435 yards, 5.6 average) showed breakaway speed. Senior fullback Alonzo Washington also gained more than five yards per carry. But senior wide receiver Derek Hill (45 receptions, 798 yards), was nearly the entire passing attack. Another weapon is junior placekicker Gary Coston (15 of 23 FGs).

Nose guard Dana Wells earned the Morris Award as the best defensive lineman in the conference and is back for his senior season. Missing will be All-America safety Chuck Cecil, but senior James DeBow is a talented defensive back who can play safety or cornerback. The outside linebackers are well acquainted. Juniors Kevin and Chris Singleton are twin brothers. The inside 'backer spot loses its top three players.

Arizona State

Who are these guys, anyway?

Let's start at the top. John Cooper bolted for Ohio State and greener recruiting pastures. The new head

coach is Larry Marmie, a much-traveled assistant who was Cooper's defensive coordinator. Much of his staff is new.

Move to the running game. Darryl Harris and Channing Williams, the top two ball carriers, are gone. The best pass-catcher, wide receiver Aaron Cox, is gone. All-America guard Randall McDaniel and the other bookend guard, Todd Kalis, are gone.

On defense it's a similar story. Notable departures include tackle Shawn Patterson, end Trace Armstrong (and two other down linemen), inside linebackers Greg Clark and Stacy Harvey, and corner-

backs Eric Allen and Anthony Parker. Is anyone left?

Well, the incumbent quarterback, senior Daniel Ford returns. But he was inconsistent last season, although he did have an excellent Freedom Bowl. Marmie has opened the competition to include sophomore Paul Justin, who started one game, and redshirt freshmen Bobby Valdez and Andy Ingram. But Marmie indicated after spring practice that Ford had held onto his starting job.

"It looked like he played with more confidence and maturity late last year," Marmie said of Ford. "The fact that he started 10 games is a big plus."

Enough players have experience to make the Sun Devils, although in a reloading mode, dangerous. Tailbacks Victor Cahoon and David Winsley should emerge, and the addition of Proposition 48 casualty Leonard Russell and junior college All-American Bruce Perkins will help. Seniors Chris Garrett and Tony Johnson are experienced wideouts.

Junior nose guard Richard Davis, an Oklahoma transfer who missed last season with a fractured elbow, re-injured it in the spring and may miss this season, too. Senior Saute Sapolu must anchor a thin defensive line. Inside linebackers Mark Tingstad, a junior, and Drew Metcalf, a sophomore, started often last season. A bright spot could be the secondary. Safety Nathan LaDuke, a freshman last year, often played like a veteran. Senior cornerback Jeff Joseph is coming back from knee surgery. Placekicker Alan Zendejas, he of the famous placekicking family, made 13 of 15 field goal attempts, and Mike Schuh averaged better than 42 yards per punt.

Oregon

For a while, longer than Andy Warhol's 15 minutes of fame, the Ducks were the big story in the



Oregon QB Bill Musgrave hopes to improve upon his successful freshman season.



Alan Zendejas, from the family that's produced NFL kickers Tony and Max Zendejas, connected on 13 of 15 attempts in '87.

Pac-10 last season. It started with an upset of Colorado and continued with back-to-back victories over Washington and USC. Oregon stood 4-1, seemingly headed for a bowl game.

Then reality and injuries set in. Losses to UCLA and Stanford brought the Ducks back to earth, and quarterback Bill Musgrave got hurt. Oregon still finished above water, 6-5, but did not go to a bowl.

Musgrave (139 for 234, 59.4%, 1,836 yards, 13 TDs) pieced together a fine season as a redshirt freshman. But guess what? He might not be the starter this year. Musgrave is being pushed by redshirt freshman Bob Brothers, son of Paul Brothers, who played quarterback at rival Oregon State.

The two top rushers, juniors Derek Loville and Latin Berry, and the heart of the offensive line

return for coach Rich Brooks, beginning his 12th season. The wide receivers are experienced, but depth is a problem. So is tight end.

On defense, the Ducks, who switched to a 3-4 last year, will miss nose guard Rollin Putzier and safety Anthony Newman, two first team All-Pac-10

selections. Oregon should be strong around the perimeter but suspect up the middle.

Stanford

Strange bunch, here. The Cardinal opened the season with four straight losses, including a 49-0

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Pete Nelson	Oregon	5	31	51	491	2
Brian Johnson	Stanford	6	112	203	1,510	11
Ron Veal	Arizona	7	75	153	1,239	4
Erik Wilhelm	Oregon St.	8	226	423	2,736	17
Daniel Ford	Arizona St.	10	112	227	1,484	11

RUSHING

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Vince Weathersby	Washington	7	146	682	4.7	2
Aaron Jenkins	Washington	8	129	668	5.2	5
Derek Loville	Oregon	10	165	591	3.6	8

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Arizona receiver Derek Hill caught 45 passes for 798 yards last year.



Oregon State's Brian Taylor will move from fullback to tailback this season.

embarrassment to UCLA. Next came a 44-7 victory over Washington State and two more wins. Then two losses. Then two wins.

It added up to a disappointing 5-6 season for head coach Jack Elway, and much of that could be attributed to a quarterback problem, of all things. The Cardinal started three QBs, with mixed results.

Sophomore Brian Johnson (112 for 203, 1,510 yards, 11 TDs, 13 interceptions) is the incumbent but will be pushed by Jason Palumbis, who red-shirted last year as a freshman. Do-everything running back Brad Muster, who missed half the season, and wide receiver Jeff James are the key missing persons from the offense, but senior center Andy Sinclair returns. Speedy sophomore Jon Volpe should be the top runner.

Junior defensive tackle Lester Archambeau is exceptional. But punter Doug Robison, who could kick Stanford out of trouble, and strong safety Brad Humphries are major losses.

Washington State

Last season new Cougars head coach Dennis Erickson introduced the "Air Erickson" passing offense, guided by quarterback Timm Rosenbach.

Rosenbach set five school records as he passed for 2,446 yards, but WSU went 3-7-1. The 24 interceptions by Rosenbach and other Cougar quarterbacks didn't help. Erickson, figuring the Cougars need to run the ball more, said he is emphasizing the ground game this year.

Erickson has his work cut out. Rosenbach, a junior, is the leading returning rusher. A running back, Steve Broussard, caught the most passes (59). And probably the Cougars' deepest position is wide receiver. Mike Utley, a 6-7, 300-pound senior guard, is the foundation of the offensive line.

The good news is that nine starters return on defense. The bad news is that linebacker Brian Forde is not among them and that only one team,

Oregon State, gave up more yards and more points than the Cougars.

Oregon State

Poor Dave Kragthorpe, the Beavers head coach. The guy inherits a miserable program three years ago. He brings in discipline, an imaginative offense, and high hopes. During his first two years the Beavers won six games, which may not sound like much. But consider that the last time they won more than six in back-to-back seasons was 1971-72.

OSU slumped to 2-9 last year despite quarterback Erik Wilhelm continuing his assault on the record books. The left-hander led the Pac-10 in passing yards (2,736) before suffering a sprained ankle and hobbling around during the last three games. He also suffered a seven-interception game against Stanford.

Kragthorpe supposedly isn't happy with Wilhelm's toughness and has brought in junior college transfer Nick Schichtle to challenge the incumbent. The Beavers will be deep at fullback, allowing senior Brian Taylor to move to his natural tailback spot. Senior Robb Thomas led the Pac-10 in yards (891), was second in receptions (58), and caught 10 TD passes. Two other Beavers were third and fourth in receptions.

But the Beavers defense against the run was atrocious (279 yards per game allowed), and OSU was last by a mile in total D. If that doesn't get better, neither will their record. ■ —Bob Cohn



Stanford's Andy Sinclair rates as one of the nation's best offensive linemen.

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Ivy League

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Harvard
2. Yale
3. Princeton
4. Cornell
5. Pennsylvania
6. Dartmouth
7. Columbia
8. Brown

TURN ON THE BRIGHT LIGHTS. GET the stage ready. The Ivy League is about to go prime time.

Ivy League football will be showcased on ESPN six times this fall, as part of a three-year package in which the cable network will televise 19 games during the next three seasons.

But while the league has a brand-new TV package, this season's race may be a rerun. For the second year in a row it appears as though The Game will be THE GAME in the Ivy race.

Last season Harvard and Yale were tied for first place with a 5-1 record as they entered their annual clash on the final weekend of the season, marking the first time since the late 1960s that these two traditional rivals were deadlocked for the lead heading into their game. Harvard emerged victorious 14-10 to capture the league championship, and the Crimson appears to have enough talent returning to repeat as champion. But Yale will once again be in hot pursuit, and the final outcome probably won't be decided until November 19, the final weekend of the season, when an ESPN audience watches Harvard and Yale battle in Cambridge.

Princeton, Cornell, and Pennsylvania will challenge as well. Each is capable of stealing the Ivy crown. Brown faces a rebuilding year, while Dartmouth should improve. And, yes, even Columbia should break into the win column.

Harvard

In ending Pennsylvania's five-year reign as league champion last season, the Crimson pulled quite a few surprises. But don't be surprised if Harvard, 8-2 last year, makes it two in a row.

The offensive attack features senior fullback Tony Hinz and senior quarterback Tom Yohe. Hinz received first team All-Ivy honors a year ago (789 yards on 139 carries, 5.7 yards per carry), Yohe

(2,134 yards, 17 TDs) was a second team all-star. The many talents of Hinz and Yohe are perfectly suited for Harvard coach Joe Restic's intriguing Multiflex offense.

Hinz must find some new backfield mates because Dave Bunning, Bob Glatz, and Brad Bedard—who combined for 774 yards rushing last year—have graduated. Reserve fullback Al Konovalchik returns, while Silas Myers and Jim Reidy compete for the halfback spot opposite Hinz.

The runners will have plenty of support in front of them. Four starters are back on the offensive line, including first team All-Ivy tackle Maurice Fritot and honorable mention selections John Bartholomew and Tony Consigli at tackle and center, respectively. The top returning receiver is Neil Phillips, an explosive wideout who caught 14 passes for 191 yards in 1987.

Harvard is blessed with good depth on defense, where it is led by All-Ivy linebacker Don Peterson. Linebackers Rich Mau and Kris Thabit, the team's top two tacklers, must be replaced, but veterans Hugh O'Flynn, Brian Burns, and Greg Ubert are ready to step in. The defense's strength lies on the line, where nose guard Tom McConnell and tackle Jim Bell anchor a solid unit.

If there is a hole, it's in the secondary, where safety Jim Smith is the only starter returning.

Yale

Like Harvard, the Elis were not expected to challenge for the league title last fall. But Yale went on to enjoy a 7-3 record. This season coach Carm Cozza must replace quarterback Kelly Ryan, the Ivy Player of the Year, and All-Ivy tailback Mike Stewart. Still, Yale should make another run at the league crown.

Ryan, the Elis' all-time leading passer, completed 60.3% (170-282) of his passes for a school-record 2,110 yards last season, tossing 16 touchdowns and only five interceptions. Finding someone to fill his shoes will not be easy. Last year's reserve QBs, senior Mark Brubaker and junior Robert Verduzco, combined to throw only 12 passes.

Despite the loss of Stewart, the Elis have the makings for a potent ground game. Tailback Kevin Brice (88 carries for 359 yards) is back, and so is junior Reggie Sellars. Buddy Zachery is the heir apparent to replace Troy Jenkins at fullback. And the runners will be aided by the return of first team All-Ivy guard Jeff Rudolph and second team all-league tackle Art Kalman on the right side of the line. Split end Tom Szuba, the team's top receiver a year ago with 44 catches, is also back.

The Elis have an abundance of experience returning on defense. Senior Jim D'Onofrio received second team all-league accolades at tackle, and he'll be flanked by senior Glover Lawrence and junior Mike Browne. Senior Don Lund and junior Jon Reese, the team's top two tacklers last seasons, lead an excellent linebacking corps.

Defensive backs Steven Essick, Richard Huff, Brian Hennen, Robert Stokes, and Chris Rutan all saw a great deal of action as sophomores last fall. Essick was chosen honorable mention all-league.

Princeton

Steve Toches had spent seven years preparing for the day when he would become a college football head coach. When that day arrived last August, Toches had little cause for celebration.

Only a few weeks before his team was to begin

practicing for the 1988 season, Princeton coach Ron Rogerson suffered a fatal heart attack. Toches, a Tigers assistant coach, was quickly named to take over the program. And given the circumstances, he did a tremendous job, leading the team to a 6-4 record for its most victories since 1980.

Toches received all the support he needed from the Garrett family. Quarterback Jason Garrett completed 162 of 251 passes (a .645 completion percentage) for 2,057 yards. Older brother John, a split end, caught 45 passes for 617 yards. Younger brother, Judd, a running back, gained 822 yards on 190 carries, grabbed 37 passes for 400 yards, and scored 11 touchdowns.

John has graduated, but Jason and Judd are both returning, along with junior tight end Mark Rockefeller (21 receptions) and running backs Jim Keys (191 yards on 41 carries) and William Heidt (125 yards on 30 carries).

On defense, the Tigers were hurt by graduation, but there is still a solid foundation, led by linebacker Franco Pagnanelli, who led the team in tackles as a sophomore last season. Two other talented juniors, Rick Emery and Frank Leal (honorable mention All-Ivy), head up the defensive line and secondary, respectively. Senior Rob Vanden Noven returns at the tackle position. Mike Hirou is a sophomore to watch at safety.

Cornell

The Big Red got out of the gates quickly last season but slumped at the end, losing three of its last four games to finish 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the league. With 16 starters returning this fall, Cornell should be able to bounce back.

The key to Cornell's success is the quarterback position, where the team lacked consistency in '87. Dave Dase, Aaron Sumida, and Larry Delaney split playing time, and all three are returning for their senior season. Dase (100-198, 1,302 yards) emerged as the starter at the end of the year.

Senior receiver Sam Brickley, a first team All-Ivy selection, led the Ivies in receiving (43 receptions) last season and had 56 catches overall. Marc Warrington and Mark Upcraft return after sharing the starting tight end position last year.

Cornell must improve its rushing attack, which averaged only 3.0 yards per carry in 1987. Leading rusher Mike Malaga (168 rushes for 647 yards) is back at fullback, while Tim McDevitt and Solomon Pugh, a starter in 1986 who was not in school last fall, lead the halfbacks. Four starters return on the offensive line, led by two-year starter Doug Langan.

The Big Red will once again field an outstanding linebacking unit. Mike McGrann was a second team All-Ivy choice last year, and Mitch Lee and Len Tokish also have all-league ability. However, graduation depleted the line and the secondary. Dave Pollin is a returning starter at defensive end, and he'll be joined by tackles Derrick Willmott and Costas Harbilas. Seniors Corky Webb and Brett Felitto head up the defensive backfield.

Pennsylvania

An inexperienced Quaker team saw its hold on the league title come to a crashing halt in '87, falling to 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the league.

To turn things around, Pennsylvania must overcome the loss of running back Chris Flynn (751 yards rushing, 10 TDs) and tight end Brent Novoselsky (15 receptions for 174 yards). Flynn will be replaced by Bryan Keys, a junior who averaged 6.3

1987 Ivy League Standings

School	League			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Harvard	6	1	0	8	2	0
Yale	5	2	0	7	3	0
Brown	5	2	0	7	3	0
Princeton	4	3	0	6	4	0
Cornell	4	3	0	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	3	4	0	4	6	0
Dartmouth	1	6	0	2	8	0
Columbia	0	7	0	0	10	0



Tom Yohe hopes to lead Harvard to its second consecutive Ivy League title.

yards per carry (670 yards on 107 carries) and earned honorable mention all-league accolades last year. Mike Waller (57 carries for 311 yards) is another veteran running back, and Frank Gregoire and Jim Beato are also back. Senior Scott Sandler (12 catches for 195 yards) is a returning starter at wide receiver.

The Quakers averaged a paltry 93.2 yards passing per game in '87, and they must get more production from quarterback John Keller if they are to improve. Keller was 51 of 81 last season for 580 yards. If Keller falters, junior Malcolm Glover, who started two games at quarterback a year ago, will also compete for the starting job. The pass protection will come mainly from senior center Tom Gizzi.

Penn boasts an excellent defensive secondary, featuring All-Ivy honorable mention performers David Smith (safety) and Steve Johnson (cornerback). Dan Bauer is the top defensive lineman returning. And there are holes to fill at linebacker, as Mike Henley is the only starter back.

Dartmouth

Buddy Teevens' first year as Dartmouth head coach was one he'd just as soon forget. His young team suffered through a 2-8 record, 1-6 in the Ivies. The Big Green yielded more than 40 points in four different games. Six times Dartmouth was held to only a touchdown or less.

Despite the disappointments, Teevens was able to begin laying the groundwork for the future. Most of his top players from a year ago will return.

Dartmouth must come up with a way to put more points on the scoreboard. The Green averaged only 10.2 points per game in '87. Senior Chris Rorke (101-219, 1,222 yards) was the starting quarterback for most of the season. If Rorke can't do the job, veterans Mark Johnson (42-109, 470 yards) and Tom Shaeshaft (14-28, 100 yards) will be given opportunities to call the signals.

The Big Green has one of the league's most dangerous receivers in senior Craig Morton, a first

team All-Ivy selection in 1986 who has caught 85 passes over the last two seasons.

There is much experience at running back, where eight of the top nine rushers from last season return. Chris Pollard (97 carries, 346 yards), Shon Page (46, 191), and Nick Stanham (53, 146) shared the duties at tailback a year ago. Mark Selvitelli has the inside track on the fullback job.

The defense features a strong line, with Brent Frei, Jay Swett, Matt Walko, Ish McLaughlin, and Derek McDowell leading the charge. First team All-Ivy pick Paul Michael headlines the linebackers, along with Paul Sorenson, the leading tackler on last year's squad. Senior defensive back Scott Sims is back after leading the Green in interceptions last fall with six.

Columbia

Yes, Columbia will win a game this season and put an end to its infamous 41-game losing streak (an NCAA record). Not only that, but the Lions may even move out of the Ivy cellar.

Columbia returns nearly all of its top players from last season. To help matters, last season's freshman team was the best in the league. It posted a 6-0 record against other Ivy frosh squads.

The top four running backs return in Chris Konvalchik (418 yards on 111 carries), converted quarterback Chris Della Pietra (350 yards, 111 carries), Dure Savani (135 yards, 59 carries), and Paul Myott (69 yards, 17 carries). Solomon Johnson, who gained 836 yards in six games on the freshman team, should also see action.

Five players will vie for the starting quarterback position: junior Matt Less (16 of 66 passing last season for 194 yards), seniors Chris Lorentz and Mike Seidewant, and sophomores Kevin Stonebarger and Bruce Mayhew. They'll throw to wide

receivers Ron Kalyan (17 receptions for 220 yards), Terry Brown, and Matt Fox, and tight end Brent Byerly.

John Alex, the team's leading tackler a year ago, returns to head the linebacking unit. The defensive line features defensive end John Robinson, who played last season after transferring from SMU. Terry Elliott and Walter Haynor anchor the secondary.

Brown

Last season the Bruins achieved their finest record since 1977, going 7-3 overall and tying for second place in the league standings. This year, however, coach John Rosenberg faces a major rebuilding job.

How great are the losses from last year's team? Consider this: A year ago Brown had five players receive first team All-Ivy honors and three players earn second team accolades. All but one of those players have graduated. Also gone are starting QB Marc Donovan, top rusher Kirk Little, and leading receivers Jamie Simone and Tom Smith.

About the only key performers returning on offense are running backs Lane Wood and Greg Solomon, who rushed for 386 and 240 yards, respectively, a year ago. Junior Danny Clark is the prime candidate to replace Donovan at QB. Tight end Matt Merrick is the only receiver with experience. George Pyne was named second team all-league at offensive tackle, while guard Jim Anderson received honorable mention.

Graduation has decimated the defense. Only one starter is back—senior linebacker Greg Kylish, who earned all-league honorable mention. Dan Kohls and Dave Rody should start on the line, while Darryl Heggans and Mark Segar will lead the secondary. ■

—Mark Goldberg

Returning Ivy League Statistical Leaders

PASSING

Name	School	1987 Rank*	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TDs
Dave Dase	Cornell	2	189	96	1,243	9
Tom Yohe	Harvard	3	199	100	1,367	11
Jason Garrett	Princeton	4	163	100	1,293	4
Chris Rorke	Dartmouth	6	160	68	705	0

RUSHING

Name	School	1987 Rank*	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Tony Hinz	Harvard	1	120	710	5.9	7
Judd Garrett	Princeton	2	149	694	4.7	9
Bryan Keys	Penn	6	67	516	7.7	7
Scott Malaga	Cornell	7	121	454	3.8	1
Chris Pollard	Dartmouth	8	93	338	3.6	0

RECEIVING

Name	School	1987 Rank*	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Sam Brickley	Cornell	1	43	382	8.9	2
David Anderson	Dartmouth	2	29	347	12.0	0
Tom Szuba	Yale	3	32	422	13.2	0
Judd Garrett	Princeton	8	22	226	10.3	0
Craig Morton	Dartmouth	10	21	307	14.6	2

a) Based on yards per game. Statistics are for Ivy League games only.

b) Based on receptions per game. Statistics are for Ivy League games only.

Colonial

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Holy Cross
2. Lehigh
3. Lafayette
4. Colgate
5. Bucknell
6. Davidson

HOLY CROSS DOMINATED NOT only the two-year-old Colonial League in 1987, but all of Division I-AA football. The powerful Crusaders went 11-0 and were ranked No. 1 in the final NCAA Division I-AA poll. Unfortunately, Colonial League rules prohibit conference members from competing in the Division I-AA playoffs.

This season Holy Cross should fall back to earth as it enters its A.G.L. (After Gordie Lockbaum) period. But with 34 of 54 lettermen returning, they have more than enough talent to win a third consecutive Colonial League title.

Holy Cross

The Crusaders must adjust to life after Lockbaum, but the transition shouldn't be too difficult. They have a tremendous quarterback returning in Jeff Wiley, the first team All-American who completed 66% of his passes and threw for 3,677 yards and 34 touchdowns last season.

Still, the top five receivers from a year ago are gone, and they combined for 238 receptions, 3,335 yards, and 30 touchdowns. Tight end Randy Pedro is back after catching 10 passes for 83 yards in '87. Expected to take over the wideout positions are sophomore Mark Gallagher, junior Vivian Washington, and sophomore Michael Lewis. Junior Willie Bradford (499 yards rushing on 85 carries, 15 catches for 183 yards) should become the starter at fullback, while Tom Donovan and Keith Webb vie for Lockbaum's former spot.

Honorable mention All-America linebacker Rob McGovern, who led the team in tackles last season, leads the defense. The line features middle guard Gerry Trietley and defensive end Tom Smith—who led the team with 11 sacks. The secondary includes cornerback Dave Murphy, an honorable mention

All-American who had nine interceptions. Sophomore placekicker Scott Kania is also back.

Lehigh

Both of Lehigh's starting running backs spent the offseason recovering from major injuries. If they're able to bounce back quickly, the team will perhaps challenge Holy Cross for the league title.

Running back Lee Blum was leading the country in all-purpose yardage last season when he suffered a serious knee injury in the seventh game of the year. It may be too much to expect that he will be back at 100% this fall. Fullback Rich Curtis, who rushed for 303 yards and caught 47 passes, didn't practice during the spring because of an injured back, but he should be fully recovered when the season gets under way.

Regardless of the backfield situation, the Engineers should have a potent passing attack. Quarterback Mark McGowan threw for 1,879 yards last season, and his entire receiving corps is back.

The defense is led by first team all-league defensive tackle Peter Pawlenko, who must recover from a broken leg suffered last season. Linebacker Chris Hite was the team's leading tackler in '87.

Lafayette

With talented quarterback Frank Baur at the controls, the Leopards have a strong passing attack. But they must improve their ground game and shore up the middle section of their defense.

Baur has passed for more than 3,600 yards in his 16 starts at Lafayette, including 2,526 yards in 10 games last year. Dangerous receiver Phillip Ng (38 catches in '87) also returns, as does tight end Woody Swan. Tailbacks James Adams (394 yards rushing) and Kurt Bowman (391 yards) both were plagued by injuries a year ago. Their output should increase now that they are healthy. An experienced offensive line that averages almost 270 pounds per man will provide the blocking.

Nine players who started at one time or another are back on defense. Chris LaPietra is one of many steady performers on the defensive line. Still, both starting linebackers and the two safeties are gone.

Colgate

New Colgate head coach Mike Foley served for six seasons as the team's offensive coordinator.

That experience will come in handy because the new coach must devise an offense to overcome the loss of superb running back Kenny Gamble, the Division I-AA career leader in all-purpose yardage, who finished second in the country in rushing last season with an average of 128.3 yards per game. Linebacker Greg Manusky, the conference's defensive player of the year, is also gone.

More output will be expected from two-year starting quarterback Damon Phelan, who completed 56% of his passes a year ago for 1,551 yards. Rick Evans and Brian Carroll have varsity experience as receivers.

Vance Larimer and Paul Bushey will vie for the fullback spot. Gamble's back-up a year ago, Jeff Way, also returns, and he'll battle J. J. Cordi and Marcus Sellars for playing time.

The defensive line features six players who saw much action a year ago, with two-year starter Brian Douglas leading the way. Matt Jaworski and John Mody are returning starters at linebacker, while three-year letterman Dan Nole should fill Manusky's spot in the middle. The secondary is very

strong with four regulars back: cornermen Juan Dela Rosa and Don Charney and safeties Dave Bovell and Steve Aldiero.

Bucknell

Third-year coach George Landis has done a fine job rebuilding the Bison program, and with 15 starters returning this season, Bucknell may climb above the .500 mark. However, there is a big hole to fill at quarterback, where Jim Given, the school's all-time leading passer, has graduated.

Junior Scott Auchenbach has seen some action at QB during the last two seasons, and sophomore Todd Hatajik and several promising freshmen will also contend for the starting spot. The Bisons have an outstanding wide receiver in Mike Guerrini, the conference's Rookie of the Year.

The top four rushers from a year ago return, and



Mike Guerrini was the Colonial League Rookie of the Year in '87.

the entire starting offensive line is also back. Starting tailback Dan Seocca (381 yards on 84 carries) is joined by Steve Weiss (331 yards) and O'Dean Mangum (184 yards).

On defense, all three starters across the line are missing, but talented linebackers Chris Hackley and Andy Henry return. Two-year starter Robert Hawkins paces the secondary. First team all-conference placekicker Steve Barimo made 10 of 15 field goals last season.

Davidson

The Wildcats (1-10 last year) had a rough indoctrination into Colonial League play as they were outscored 119-13 by three conference foes. Things shouldn't be much better this fall.

Quarterbacks Peter Hughes and Mark Skoczynski combined for 1,256 yards passing a year ago. Leading rusher Bryan Robinson (499 yards on 107 carries) and Ralph Isernia (279 yards) and Brian Kelly (182 yards) also return. Middle guard Mike Rogers was the team's defensive MVP last season, and he's assisted by two solid linebackers, Howard Humphries and Kenny Nazemetz. ■

—Mark Goldberg

1987 Colonial Standings

School	League			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Holy Cross	4	0	0	11	0	0
Lehigh	3	1	1	5	5	1
Colgate	2	2	0	7	4	0
Lafayette	2	3	0	4	7	0
Bucknell	1	3	1	4	5	1
Davidson	0	3	0	1	10	0

Yankee

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Massachusetts
2. New Hampshire
3. Connecticut
4. Richmond
5. Villanova
6. Delaware
7. Maine
8. Boston University
9. Rhode Island

THIS YEAR'S YANKEE CONFERENCE race should be just as unpredictable as last year's when Maine and Richmond, picked sixth and seventh in a preseason coaches poll, wound up sharing the championship. As many as seven teams—including new league entrant Villanova—have a legitimate shot at winning the league title.

Massachusetts

Last season was disappointing for the Minutemen, who were expected to challenge for the conference title. Instead they posted a 3-8 record.

Massachusetts should redeem itself this fall. The offense features great balance with the return of quarterback Dave Palazzi and running back Kevin Smellie (587 yards rushing). This season Palazzi (1,868 passing yards in '87) will be throwing primarily to split end Jay Dowdy, who caught 41 passes in '87, and Dan Rubinetti, a starter two years ago who missed last fall with an injury.

The Minutemen have a defense that is considered the best in the conference, featuring all-league selections Todd Rundle (LB), John McKeown (LB), and Joe Cullen (NG).

New Hampshire

The Wildcats boast the league's top offense, led by first team All-Yankee receiver Curtis Olds and second team all-stars Bob Jean at quarterback and Norm Ford at tailback.

With Jean and Olds in the lineup, New Hampshire has a dangerous aerial attack. Jean (2,134 yards, 15 TDs in '87) has thrown for more than 4,600 yards in two seasons. Olds caught 61 passes



Dave Palazzi has the ability to lead Massachusetts to the Yankee title.

and lead the league with 6.8 receptions per game. He's joined by split end Chris Braune (53 receptions) and tight end Rob Spittel (19 catches).

In the backfield, Ford rushed for 761 yards in just seven games last season, and fullback Matt Banbury is one of the top blockers in the league.

The question mark is on defense, where six starters must be replaced. Basil Jarostchuk and John Dubots are set at defensive end, and Sherm Beatty figures to start at nose guard. Will Tychsen, the team's second-leading tackler last season, is the top linebacker. Every starter is back in the secondary, including Ryan Jones and Tim Byrne.

Connecticut

The Huskies, 7-4 last season, have a bright young star in sophomore quarterback Matt DeGennaro, who was voted the league's newcomer of the year in '87. As a rookie DeGennaro completed 60.5% of his passes for 2,206 yards and 18 TDs, as he led Connecticut to within one game of the conference crown. His favorite receiver, David Dunn (66 catches), has graduated. But tailbacks Jeff Gallaher and George Boothe return.

The defense has an outstanding linebacking crew that includes Troy Ashley, Andy Scott, and David Dudley. Abbott Burrell, Dwayne Miller, and Kevin Johnson anchor an equally experienced secondary.

Richmond

The Spiders have 17 starters returning from last year's championship squad, and they will look to their defense for leadership. All-Yankee performers Pat Brown (LB) and Brian Jordan (DB) earned some form of All-America recognition last season.

But Richmond must take some of the offensive burden off tailback Erwin Matthews, who led the conference in rushing a year ago with 1,327 yards. The problem could be solved if one of three quarterbacks—Chad Greer, Jeff Snead, or Austin Neuhoff—emerges as a solid starter.

Villanova

The Wildcats look to make a successful debut in

the conference. Quarterback Kirk Schulz (2,338 yards passing, 23 TDs), tailback Ron Sency (542 yards rushing, 29 receptions), and receiver Bob Brady (44 catches, 10 TDs) have helped Villanova make tremendous strides in the last two years. They'll receive excellent support this season from running backs Jon Karoly (447 yards rushing) and Pete Lombardi (435 yards rushing, 28 receptions).

Linebackers Bill Buckley, Rich Spugnardi, and John O'Brien return to spark the defense. Paul Franco is entrenched at the nose guard position, while Scott Rushton is an impressive free safety.

Delaware

The Blue Hens experienced a rare losing season in 1987, but they should get back on track this fall. Quarterback Dave Sierier (135 of 264 passing) threw for 1,767 yards a year ago, and AP All-America receiver James Anderson (54 receptions) accounted for 1,067 of those yards.

Running backs Randy Holmes (434 yards) and Tim Healy (287 yards) will once again line up in coach Tubby Raymond's Wing-T offense.

Delaware has its entire defensive front line back, including John Levelis, Mike Renna, Mike Miller, Paul Felker, and Rob McMullen. Jim Borkowski is a solid linebacker, and David Ochs and Bryan Bosard head up the secondary.

Maine

The Black Bears' hopes to repeat as conference champ ride on the excellent arm of quarterback Mike Buck. The junior threw for 2,987 yards (248.9 yards per game) and tossed 25 touchdowns in '87. However, the second half of Maine's air attack—receiver Sergio Hebra (75 receptions)—is gone.

The other receivers have very little experience. It is hoped that starting fullback Ray Wood will recover from a back injury that plagued him during spring drills. Tailback Jim Fox is the only other veteran in the backfield.

The defense features four veteran linebackers in John Gibson and Mike Denino on the outside and Nick Penna and Joe Trefethen on the inside. Scott Nason and Russ Constantino return on the line, and defensive back Claude Pettaway is coming off an excellent freshman season.

Boston University

New head coach Chris Palmer is implementing the Run-and-Shoot offense, but he must find a quarterback to replace BU's all-time leading passer, Pat Mancini. Jim Schuman has some experience and could take over the position. The new offense will be bolstered by wide receivers Steve Kenelley and Bryan Graves. Vince Jackson figures to replace Randy Pettis in the backfield.

There are few questions on defense, where 10 starters are back. Cornerback Mark Seals was named first team All-America last season.

Rhode Island

The Rams field a young team that seeks to turn things around after last season's 1-10 record. All three quarterbacks who saw action last year return: Paul Ghalini (739 yards passing), Steve Monaco (465 yards), and Kevin Neville. Tailback Chris Poyer rushed for 967 yards in '87, and sophomore fullback Tony Lowe gained 251. Greg Benjamin (DT) and Mark Buckley (DE) lead the defensive line. ■

—Mark Goldberg

1987 Yankee Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Richmond	6	1	0	7	4	0
Maine	6	1	0	8	3	0
Connecticut	5	2	0	7	4	0
New Hampshire	4	3	0	7	3	0
Delaware	2	5	0	5	6	0
Massachusetts	2	5	0	3	8	0
Boston U.	2	5	0	3	8	0
Rhode Island	1	6	0	1	10	0
Villanova ^a	—	—	—	6	4	0

a) Ineligible for conference title.

Ohio Valley

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Middle Tennessee St.
3. Tennessee St.
4. Murray St.
5. Tennessee Tech
6. Austin Peay
7. Morehead St.

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH the new. Tennessee State University, the winningest football team in Division I-AA, joins the league, replacing Youngstown State. The Penguins left after last season, joining Akron, which dropped out of the conference two years ago.

The OVC boasts three of the most successful programs in Division I-AA in TSU, Eastern Kentucky, and Middle Tennessee State. Look for those three to fight for the title and the automatic berth in the I-AA playoffs.

Add to the fray Murray State, seemingly always in the title picture, and you have the makings for a red-hot race. But look for Eastern Kentucky and coach Roy Kidd to move just ahead of the pack at the finish line.

Eastern Kentucky

The Colonels return 11 starters from last fall's 9-3 team that was a league co-champion with Youngstown. And while Kidd (188-71-8 in 24 years) has a lot of holes to fill, particularly on the defensive line, he may have enough talent to get the job done.

Tailback Elroy Harris (1,423 yards and 17 touchdowns last year) returns after earning All-OVC honors. Sophomore Lorenzo Fields will be back at quarterback after starting all but two games of his freshman year. Scoring shouldn't be a problem for the Colonels. But stopping the opposition could be.

EKU must fill the void left by the graduation of six of its top defensive players, who helped lead the OVC in defense. Linebacker Ron Jelke will be looked upon for leadership.

Middle Tennessee State

The Blue Raiders are coming off their second straight disappointing season. So fielding a consistent team will be one of the primary concerns of coach Boots Donnelly.

1987 OVC Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Eastern Ky.	5	1	0	8	2	0
Youngstown St. .	5	1	0	8	3	0
Middle Tenn. St. .	4	2	0	6	5	0
Murray St.	3	3	0	6	5	0
Tennessee Tech .	2	4	0	5	6	0
Morehead St.	1	5	0	2	8	0
Austin Peay .	1	5	0	2	9	0
Tennessee St. .	-	-	-	3	7	1

a) Ineligible for conference title.

MTSU, stocked with talent last fall, struggled to only a 6-5 finish. This time around the youthful Blue Raiders will not be able to afford such lapses. If so, it could be a disastrous fall in Murfreesboro.

The offense is young, with the exception of quarterback Marvin Collier. The slinky senior is one of the best in all of Division I-AA. He can run, throw, and improvise. But Collier can't do it alone, and Donnelly can only hope some of the younger players will step to the forefront.

The defense will be solid with All-OVC players Kenny Pippins and Tommy Barnes at linebacker and safety, respectively. The Blue Raiders need a healthy Jack Pittman, coming off surgery, back at defensive tackle.

Tennessee State

The Big Blue was singing the blues last year after their first losing season in 25 years. Coach Bill Thomas (30-13-2 in four years) made several changes after last year's fall. He fired two assistants and promoted Mark Orlando to offensive coordinator. All eyes will be on Orlando to see if he rejuvenates the once-feared TSU offense.

Three quarterbacks (Stacy Grear, Chauncey Hines, and Ben Brown) will fight for starting honors. Big things are expected from freshman running back David Sadler. Tight end Gary Hockett should be among the best in the OVC, and Proposition 48 victim Shawn Malone is expected to see a lot of action at wide receiver.

The Tigers defense was burned last year but should be improved. Linebacker Rod Reed, who set a school record for tackles last year, is one of the best in Division I-AA. Redshirt freshman Andre Hines (6-6, 270) hopes to overcome injuries at defensive tackle.

Murray State

If the Racers expect to be in the thick of the OVC race, a lot of things are going to have to go right for coach Mike Mahoney. Several players must fill holes left by the graduation of 24 seniors. Murray lost an All-America tackle and a pair of running backs who accounted for 2,375 yards.

The quarterback position is set with Michael Procter. The junior passed for an OVC record 2,375 yards last year. He has accumulated 3,883 career passing yards and is destined to become the Racers' all-time leading passer. He'll be throwing to Glen Arterburn (23 catches for 414 yards) and James Huff (17 catches for 276 yards).

The defensive secondary will be tested often, after losing two of the school's leading all-time interceptors. Tim Broady is moving from cornerback to safety. The defensive line is very thin. Tackle Lance Golden is the top returnee there.

Tennessee Tech

Tech coach Jim Ragland will be fielding an offensive unit that lost its entire line and backfield to graduation.

So, if the Golden Eagles hope to better their 5-6 mark of a year ago, the defensive unit must carry the load. Fortunately, they have the personnel to hold opponents down. The Golden Eagles return nine defensive starters. Leading the way is All-OVC performer Jimmy Isom (78 tackles, 5 interceptions), a free safety. Linebackers Mike Thornton and Gerald Sinkfield can cover the run or pass.

There is talent on offense. All-OVC wide receiver Kenneth Gilstrap (42 catches, 729 yards, 3



QB Marvin Collier provides leadership on a young Middle Tennessee offense.

touchdowns) is a game-breaker. It will be up to inexperienced quarterback Thomas DuBose (12 for 30 passing, 145 yards) to get him the ball. If Tech can score, they will be tough to beat.

Austin Peay

Former assistant coach Paul Brewster will take over the helm, replacing Emory Hale, who resigned as head coach after last year's 2-9 mark. Brewster will bring in several new assistant coaches, a new offensive attack, and some talented freshmen.

The quarterback job will probably go to junior Sammy Gholston (1,023 yards, 2 touchdowns). The Governors say his less-than-impressive numbers are due to the injuries to key offensive people last fall. Mike Lewis, ruled academically ineligible for spring practice, needed to solve his grade problems. The defensive unit returns four starters, including linebacker Robert Joy, who led the team with 100 tackles.

Morehead State

To say 1987 was a tough year for Morehead State coach Bill Baldrige is an understatement. The Eagles struggled while Baldrige fought off health problems that hospitalized him during the season. Baldrige is back and feeling fine, but the prognosis for full recovery for his team isn't as good.

The youthful Eagles (just 13 seniors) will probably battle with Austin Peay to stay out of the cellar. Morehead has two quarterbacks to call on in sophomore Chris Swartz and senior Lance Jansen. Swartz, who set a freshman passing mark with 1,726 yards, will see the bulk of the action.

Baldrige will be looking for a new set of running backs. Rodney Gordon and Richard Cameron have the inside track. Whoever carries the ball will benefit from an experienced offensive line, led by Randy Mills and Lou Willinger. ■

—Rickey Hampton

Southern

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Marshall
2. Appalachian St.
3. Tenn.-Chattanooga
4. Western Carolina
5. Furman
6. VMI
7. The Citadel
8. East Tennessee St.

FOUR YEARS AGO THE MARSHALL football program finally ended an agonizing 18-year drought, achieving a winning season for the first time since 1966.

Last year coach George Chaump's squad won 10 games for the first time in school history, placed second in the conference to Appalachian State, and then avenged its runner-up status in the league by knocking off Appalachian in the semifinals of the NCAA playoffs, 24-10. Marshall then lost a close battle to Northeastern Louisiana State in the Division I-AA championship game.

With 15 starters back from last season's 10-5 team, Chaump's team should unseat Appalachian State and win its first conference championship, and once again it figures to make a serious bid for the national title.

Marshall

The good news is that the Thundering Herd has eight regulars returning from an offense that ranked third in the country in total offense last season. The bad news is that a replacement must be found for quarterback Tony Petersen (4,092 yards, 35 TDs in '87), the conference's player of the year.

Last year's back-up quarterback, senior John Gregory, has the ability to be as good as Petersen. He will be challenged by sophomore Gregg Supura, who saw some action last season. Four of five starters are back on the offensive line, and three weigh over 270 pounds. The receivers are outstanding: Mike Barber (106 receptions, 1,757 yards) led the nation in receiving a year ago, while tight end Sean Doctor (96 catches, 1,372 yards) wasn't far behind and flanker Bruce Hammond grabbed 43 passes. At running back, junior Ron Darby ran for 1,506 yards on 313 carries. Jerry Harris will block for him from his fullback position.

There is just as much experience on defense, led

by the outstanding linebacking unit of John Spellacy (99 solo tackles and 90 assists), Rondell Wannamaker, Nick McNight, and Matt Downey. Nose guard Bill Mendoza is the only returning starter on the line, but Larry O'Dell and Rory Fitzpatrick are veterans. The secondary returns three starters: Reggie Giles (seven interceptions), Ken Green, and Von Woodson.

Appalachian State

Appalachian went undefeated in the league last season on the strength of a defense that yielded just 10.9 points per game. That defensive unit has been decimated by graduation, losing six of the top 10 tacklers from a year ago—including league defensive player of the year Anthony Downs. Linebacker Sam Sanders is a returning veteran, as is defensive back Keith Collins, who blocked three punts and had a team-leading three interceptions last season.

The Mountaineers have the makings of a strong offense. Sophomore Bobby Fuller started the last four games at quarterback—including three games in the Division I-AA playoffs, and he completed 55 of 104 passes for 591 yards. The tailback tandem of Rich Melchor (914 yards rushing) and Tim Sanders (514 yards) also returns.

Appalachian State is outstanding on special teams. Placekicker Bjorn Nittmo made 22 of 27 field goals in '87 and scored 92 points. Punter Tony Cox (38.6 yards per kick) was first team all-league.

Tennessee-Chattanooga

The Moccasins have plenty of talent returning from last season's young 6-5 team and should continue climbing in the standings.

Quarterback Stan Nix was named the conference rookie of the year in '87 after throwing for 1,147 yards. His favorite target this season will be tight end Travis McNeal (31 receptions), but watch for Quintin Lawford to emerge at split end. The backfield features Darryl Streeter (753 yards) and Andre Lockhard (326 yards).

The defense is in even better shape. Willie Greenway, Junior Jackson, and Roger Shadburn make for a strong linebacking unit, and nose guard Tony Bowick and defensive tackle Troy Beck will line up in front of them. Both starting safeties last season, Marlin Riggins and Bobby Grier, are back, as is starting cornerback Mike Loman.

Western Carolina

The Catamounts were in the thick of the league race last season until they were bitten by the injury bug. By midseason a total of 11 players had suffered season-ending injuries, and Western went on to drop its final five games.

But many young players were able to gain experience, and as a result the Catamounts have depth this fall. At quarterback, veterans Todd Cottrell (1,112 yards passing) and Mark Smith (1,399 yards) return. Cottrell should regain the starting spot after missing the final five games with an injury.

Darryl Jackson, who rushed for 687 yards a year ago, leads a deep backfield. Carlton Terry (386 yards) is also back. David Mayfield, who missed all of the '87 season with an injury, probably will be moved from tailback to wide receiver. A pair of outstanding defensive ends, Geno Segers and Scott Arant, are among seven returning starters on defense.

Furman

The Paladins (7-4 in '87) have experience on

offense, but some young players must come through on defense if they are to challenge for the title. The entire starting defensive line is gone, although junior Brian Pitts and nose guard Wayne Burr both have experience. Jeff Blankenship leads the linebackers, while Sherrod Weber and Julius Dixon are among three returning starters at defensive back.

Furman has the best running backs in the league. John Bagwell (844 yards on 143 carries) was first team all-conference last season, and he's supported at tailback by Dwight Sterling, who gained 478 yards in limited duty (including 126 yards against powerful Florida State), and Bobby Daugherty. Three-year starter Kennet Goldsmith (505 yards) is the top fullback in the league. The question is at quarterback, where sophomore Frankie DeBusk has potential but little experience. Junior Patrick Baynes will also vie for the starting QB spot.

Virginia Military Institute

It's easy to see why the Keydets went 4-7 in '87. They scored only 118 points for the entire year, an average of 10.7 points per game. The offense can improve if VMI takes advantage of outstanding receiver Mike Stock, who averaged 25 yards per catch in 1986 but missed last season with a broken collarbone. Calvin Williams (24 catches for 262 yards last year) is another fine target for QB Dave Brown, who had a school-record .553 completion percentage (126-228, 1,368 passing yards).

The running attack was dismal last season as the Keydets averaged only 2.3 yards per carry. They hope returning backs Joe France (395 yards) and Travis Mabrey (186 yards) will show improvement.

There are holes to patch on defense. Four starters are gone on the line, although Pete Lampan should emerge. Kevin Washington and Mike Wood, who missed last season with injuries, are the top linebackers, and Anthony McIntosh and Tracy Toye are returning starters at cornerback.

The Citadel

The Bulldogs (4-7 overall, 1-5 conference) should move out of the league cellar behind a grinding rushing attack that averaged 249 yards per game in '87. The top three rushers are back, including Option quarterback Tommy Burris (651 yards), tailback Tom Froome (611 yards), and halfback Roger Witherspoon (247 yards). Burris also threw for 1,211 yards. His primary receivers should be David Cook and Harold Singleton.

The Citadel is strong at inside linebacker with the return of Pete Long and Matt Larkin. J. D. Cauthen and Anthony Jenkins are back in the secondary.

East Tennessee State

Don Riley, a former assistant at UCLA, figures to have a rough inaugural season as East Tennessee head coach. The Bucs have lost quarterback Jeff Morgan (1,622 yards passing) and top rusher Roosevelt Way (690 yards rushing). Running backs David Harmon and Albert Burt are back after combining for 490 yards in '87. It is hoped that Bobby Raulerson, who played in just two games a year ago, can take over at QB and hook up with Cedric Solomon, who caught 36 passes for 639 yards last season. The defense is led by first team all-conference defensive back Rick Harris, who has picked off 14 passes during the last two seasons. ■

—Mark Goldberg

1987 Southern Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Appalachian St.	.7	0	0	9	2	0
Marshall	4	2	0	7	4	0
Furman	4	3	0	7	4	0
Tenn.-Chatt.	4	3	0	6	5	0
VMI	2	4	0	4	7	0
West. Carolina ...	2	4	0	4	7	0
East Tenn. St.	2	5	0	5	6	0
The Citadel	1	5	0	4	7	0

Big Sky

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Idaho
2. Weber St.
3. Montana
4. Northern Arizona
5. Nevada-Reno
6. Boise St.
7. Eastern Washington
8. Idaho St.
9. Montana St.

IT'S A QUESTION BIG SKY CONFERENCE coaches dread asking:

If last year's Idaho team could go 9-3, win the league title, and reach the I-AA playoffs while fighting a rash of injuries, what can a group of healthy Vandals do?

It's a frightening question.

After putting 60% of its team on the out-of-action list sometime during the '87 season, Idaho comes into the 1988 season healthy—and overstocked.

"The injury factor was really difficult for us, but we fought through it," Idaho coach Keith Gilbertson said. "A lot of guys played a lot more football than maybe they anticipated. That should help us."

Idaho

As a sophomore, quarterback John Friesz set seven Big Sky and eight school records while throwing for 3,677 yards and 28 touchdowns.

With eight other returning starters on offense, Friesz could be even more productive this year. Only injuries to running back Todd Hoiness, Bruce Harris, and Larry Leverett cloud the picture.

Junior Kord Smith anchors the defensive front line, and the team is loaded with linebackers, headed by Jim and Jerry Medved.

Weber State

Picked low in 1987, the Wildcats finished second in the league with a 7-1 record and scored a first-round I-AA playoff win over Idaho to eventually finish at 10-3.

Quarterback Jeff Carlson (3,041 yards, 21 TDs) triggers the passing attack and has receiver Wade Orton back in the fold.

The Wildcats got some good offseason news when the NCAA gave another season of eligibility

to running back Fine Unga, Weber's first 1,000-yard rusher in 20 years.

Calvin Hampton at strong safety and Taani Tai at defensive end will lend experience to a defense dominated by junior college players.

Montana

Only a few close calls prevented coach Don Read's pass-happy group from making a serious run at the league title. The Grizzlies were 5-3 in the league, and the losses came by a total of 16 points.

UM's backfield combination of Renard Coleman (644 yards) and Jody Farmer (514 yards) returns intact. Coleman was the team's all-purpose yardage leader last season with an average of 110.4 yards per game, and his 29.4-yard average on kickoff returns ranked him second in the nation.

Mike Rankin, an honorable mention All-America pick at inside linebacker last season, keys the defense.

Northern Arizona

Quarterback Greg Wyatt, the first player in college history to enter his junior season with more than 500 completions, will try to add to his 5,864 career passing yards. His favorite target over the past two seasons, senior tight end Shawn Collins, also returns, as do three senior wide receivers, headed by Sandy Sledge.

Charlie Matthews (445 yards) will be called on to fill the void at tailback.

John Dierking heads four returning starters in the secondary, and the linebacking unit is nearly intact, paced by Eric Vance.

Nevada-Reno

The Wolf Pack was unable to defend its 1986 league title last season. They didn't even come close, going 4-4 in the Big Sky.

UNR coach Chris Ault will pin his hopes on senior running back Charvz Foger, who is nearing the 3,000-yard rushing mark for his career. Foger is joined in the backfield by Harry Williams, who played wingback last season.

Junior quarterback Jim Zaccheo is also back, along with favorite target Tony Logan (1,099 yards).

The Pack lost some defensive stalwarts, but All-America candidate Bill Bonsall returns at nose guard, as does strong safety Mike Brown.

Boise State

After leading the Broncos to a 6-5 record (4-4 league) during his rookie season, coach Skip Hall will have a youth movement on his hands this year—70% of the BSU roster is made up of underclassmen.

Sophomore Duane Halliday will take control of the quarterbacking duties after being a back-up last season. A veteran offensive line anchored by center Pat McDade and tackle Kim Hilliard will provide the protection.

Chris Truitt, a first team all-league pick in 1986, is expected back at cornerback after missing last season with a knee injury.

Eastern Washington

Coach Dick Zornes, who suffered through his first losing season (4-7 overall, 2-6 in league) in nine years at EWU, expects his Eagles to rebound this year.

Injuries to tailback Jamie Townsend and offen-



John Friesz is a major reason why Idaho is the favorite in the Big Sky.

sive tackle Jeff Mickel flattened the Eagles offensive attack last season. And there are no guarantees the offense will get on track this year, as the Eagles will have their third starting quarterback in three seasons in either freshman Matt Sayre or transfer Scott Stuart.

Idaho State

Garth Hall takes the reins of the Bengal program after Jim Koetter was given the gate following a 3-7-1 record.

In the spring, Hall was busy installing a pro-style attack. Quarterback Jason Whitmer (2,616 yards, 20 TDs) will direct the new-look Bengals. Kevin Pettit (25 receptions, 431 yards) tops the returning receivers.

ISU's defense will look to senior tackle Paul Schwenke for stability.

Montana State

After a 1-10 rookie season, coach Earle Solomonson hopes to get the Bobcats on track behind quarterback Shaun Shahan, a senior who missed last season because of injury. Six-game starter Jon Tetrault, a sophomore, will be the back-up in MSU's Triple-Option attack.

All but three starters return to a defensive unit that allowed 42 points per game last season. New starters Jon Skelton and Mark D'Agostino will be called upon to shore up the middle at their linebacker spots. ■

—Mike Yavitz

1987 Big Sky Standings

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Idaho	7	1	0	9	2	0
Weber St.	7	1	0	9	2	0
Montana	5	3	0	6	5	0
Northern Ariz.	4	4	0	7	4	0
Boise St.	4	4	0	6	5	0
Nevada-Reno	4	4	0	5	6	0
Idaho St.	3	5	0	3	7	1
Eastern Wash.	2	6	0	4	7	0
Montana St.	0	8	0	1	10	0

MEAC

IN THE FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF THE Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference there have been five different champions. **Howard**, which captured last season's championship with a 10-1 record, seeks to put an end to that streak behind a potent offense, which averaged 494 yards of total offense per game in '87.

But if the Bison are to repeat as champions, they must find a way to replace running back Harvey Reed, the MEAC's Player of the Year last season and the leading Division I-AA rusher in the country with an average of 151.2 yards per game. Nonetheless, Howard still has plenty of firepower. Quarterback Lee Debose was the top-rated passer in the conference a year ago, completing 50% of his passes (50 of 100 for 898 yards) and earning first team all-league honors. His top two receivers, split end Derrick Faison and tight end Jimmy Johnson, are also back. And the Bison have two big interior linemen in Pat Boyd (6-0, 340 pounds) and Dwight Branson (6-0, 250).

The defense is paced by lineman James Moore, linebacker Darryn Robinson, and defensive back Walter Gaskins. Moore and Gaskins were both second team All-MEAC choices a year ago.

Delaware State, Howard's main challenger for the title, pins its hopes on an imposing defense, which allowed just 35 points in five league games last season in helping the Hornets to a 7-3 record. The unit's leader is senior defensive tackle Robert

Presbury, the 1987 MEAC Defensive Player of the Year. He's joined on the line by all-league performer, Lybrant Robinson, and Dan Paskins. Marvin Bright paces the linebackers, and Reggie Johnson and Marc Ware lead the defensive backs.

Mike Walker returns after seeing action at quarterback in '87. Leading rusher Terrance Hoover (1,191 yards) is gone, but his backfield partner, Reggie Barnes (617 yards on 85 carries) has returned. The Hornets have a veteran receiver in Tim Egerton.

1987 MEAC Standings						
School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Howard	5	0	0	9	1	0
Delaware St.	4	1	0	7	3	0
S. Carolina St.	3	2	0	6	5	0
Bethune-Cookman	2	3	0	4	7	0
N. Carolina A&T	1	4	0	3	8	0
Morgan St.	0	5	0	1	9	0
Florida A&M ^a	-	-	-	5	5	1

a) Ineligible for conference title.

South Carolina State has the weapons to finish high in the league standings this fall. Lance Salter (52-122 passing, 757 yards) and Tyrone Gilmore (47-100, 603 yards) shared the quarterback duties for the Bulldogs, who went 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the league. But the QBs will have to do without top rusher Mike Summers (754 yards).

Seniors David Ammons and Marco Elliott lead an excellent defensive line for the Bulldogs. However, coach Dennis Thomas must replace three

quality linebackers and two starting defensive backs, including two-time all-league selections Leroy Mathis (LB) and Dwayne Harper (DB).

Bethune-Cookman has a big void to fill in its passing attack, where Gregory Ross (2,094 yards passing) and all-league receiver Gregory Taylor (49 catches) are gone. But the Wildcats do have their top rusher back in Kevin Finnie (132 carries for 551 yards). The defense is led by sophomore linebacker Amos White.

Florida A&M is back in the league race after being ineligible for the MEAC championship last season. The Rattlers are missing running backs Reggie Jones and Bryan Moore, who combined for 901 yards in '87, but quarterback Andre Williams returns. Junior Howard Huckaby is an exciting punt and kickoff returner who should also see action at wide receiver. Junior lineman Brian Bower is back on defense, along with defensive back Matthew Fair.

North Carolina A&T has a strong, young defense, led by all-league junior linebacker Demetrius Harrison and junior lineman Craig Holloway. But the Aggies are missing their entire starting backfield of quarterback Alan Hooker and running backs Stoney Polite and Juan Jackson. There is talent at wide receiver in Maurice Sowell (42 receptions) and Anthony Best (44 catches).

Morgan State should improve upon its 1-9 mark of a year ago. Darryl Jackson and Leslie Wilson are back after splitting time at the quarterback position in '87. Leading the defense is first team All-MEAC defensive back Vernon Beard.

—Mark Goldberg

Gateway

NORTHERN IOWA REPRESENTED the Gateway Conference in fine style last season, going all the way to the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. But the Panthers will be hard-pressed to repeat as league champions this fall. Several outstanding performers are gone, and **Western Illinois** seems poised to grab its first Gateway Crown.

The Leathernecks, who finished 7-4 overall and 5-1 in the conference a year ago, field perhaps the finest backfield in the league. Leading that unit is senior quarterback Paul Singer (2,508 yards and 22 TDs in '87). He is supported by running backs Brett Grimshaw (530 yards rushing, 48 receptions) and Mike Cox (356 yards rushing). The top receiver is Steve Williams (7 TDs). The offensive line features All-America offensive guard Keith Blue, and the Leathernecks also have an outstanding punter in Mike Krause (42.5 yards per punt).

Seven starters are back on defense, including second team all-league performers Marlin Williams and Jay Wade. Williams is joined at defensive tackle by Pat Sullivan, and Wade is one of four starters returning in the secondary.

If **Northern Iowa** is to capture a second consecutive title, it will have to rely on its defense. Gone from last year's 8-3 squad (6-0 in the conference) are running back Carl Boyd (973 yards), the league's best offensive player of 1987, and quarterback Mike Smith (2,011 yards passing in '87), the league's top offensive player in 1986.

Junior college transfer Ken Macklin has the

inside track to replace Smith at quarterback, although he'll be pushed by Courtney Messingham, who has moved over from defense. Errol Peebles gained 585 yards last season and is ready to assume more ball-carrying responsibilities. Sherrod Howard (36 receptions) is an outstanding tight end.

The Panthers defense is led by veteran lineman Bryce Paup and defensive backs Kevin Anderson and Chris Klieman. Anderson was a first team all-league selection, while Paup received second team

1987 Gateway Standings						
School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Northern Iowa	6	0	0	8	3	0
Western Ill.	5	1	0	7	4	0
Eastern Ill.	3	3	0	5	6	0
SW Missouri St.	3	3	0	5	6	0
Indiana St.	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southern Ill.	2	4	0	3	8	0
Illinois St.	0	6	0	3	7	0

honors and Klieman earned honorable mention. Mike Hein heads up the linebacking unit.

Eastern Illinois must replace last season's leading rusher, all-league performer DuWayne Pitts, but quarterback Eric Arnold (1,159 yards passing) and receiver Ralph Stewart (38 receptions for 634 yards) return after starting last year as freshmen. Daryl Holcomb and R. L. Reynolds are both excellent defensive backs.

Indiana State quarterback John Sahn ranked 14th in the country in passing efficiency a year ago, throwing for 1,296 yards on just 154 passing attempts with only four passes intercepted. Sahn

will air it out more often this fall because split end Rodney Porter is back after ranking second in the conference in receiving (49 catches for 738 yards) a year ago. The top rusher also returns in Tori Vactor (493 yards). Mark Bertram is a solid defensive lineman, and Antoine Liddell paces the linebackers.

Jim Heacock takes over an **Illinois State** program that went winless in Gateway competition last season. However, the Redbirds' record is deceiving because they did rank second in the league in rushing offense and first in rushing defense. Heacock is pleased to have running back Ron Westmoreland, who ranked seventh in Division I-AA in rushing last season with an average of 113.9 yards per game. His backfield partner, Vic Northern (756 yards) and quarterback Brad Fuller (953 yards passing) are also back. Jeff Smith is a first team All-Gateway performer in the secondary.

Southern Illinois also has a new coach in Rick Rhoades, and welcoming him to Carbondale are running back Byron Mitchell (726 yards rushing) and quarterback Fred Gibson (414 yards rushing, 873 yards passing). Brad Crouse was an all-league defensive end last year.

Southwest Missouri State must replace three all-conference performers from a defense that led the conference in total defense one year ago. But there is plenty of talent in the secondary, thanks to the return of standouts Bret Aggus and Craig Phillips. DeAndre Smith took over the starting quarterback position at the end of last season, rushing for 364 yards and passing for another 302. Running backs Rod McConico and Tony Gilbert gained 453 and 444 yards, respectively, last season.

—Mark Goldberg

Division I-AA Independents

A YEAR AGO ALMOST ALL OF THE attention in Division I-AA football centered around Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross. However, there was an even smaller I-AA player to gain more all-purpose yards than even Lockbaum: David Meggett of Towson State.

Meggett, as little (5-7, 175) as he is little-known, returns following a stellar junior campaign in which he led the nation's Division I-AA teams in all-purpose yards (199.0 per game). This year Meggett heads the list of top returning players among the I-AA independents.

Georgia Southern should once again challenge for the I-AA national championship. After winning titles in 1985 and 1986, the Eagles are a solid pick to regain the crown as it returns a well-experienced offense anchored by second-year fullback Joe Ross.

Georgia Southern

When Appalachian State handed the Eagles a 19-0 defeat in last season's I-AA playoffs, it ended Georgia Southern's hopes to become the first Division I team to ever win three straight national championships. But legendary coach Erk Russell has reloaded for another run at the national title.

Ten of 11 offensive starters return including Joe Ross, who was the leading Division I-AA rusher among freshmen a year ago. Quarterback Raymond Gross, who became an effective starter as a freshman midway through last season, is a better rusher than passer. Teamed with senior wide receiver Tony Belser, Gross will be pushed to develop a better passing game for the run-oriented Eagles.

On defense, there are some question marks among the linebackers. Russell plans to experiment with veteran defensive lineman James Carter (6-2, 242) in the middle. Count on Russell (56-19-1 in 6 seasons) to get his defensive troops ready in Statesboro.

James Madison

Dukes coach Joe Purzycki quietly continues to build a solid football program. In each of Purzycki's three years at the helm, James Madison has had one of the top fifteen defensive units in Division I-AA. That defense translated into the Dukes' most successful season (9-3) a year ago.

Behind linebackers Dan Kobosko and Shawn Woodson, the defense should once again be the strong suit of the Dukes. The senior duo has taken

part in more than 250 career tackles. Also bolstering the defense will be the return of tackle Greg Colvin, who sat out last year, and cornerback Mark Kiefer, who transferred from Navy.

William & Mary

Coach Jimmie Laycock had his streak of consecutive winning seasons snapped at four following last year's 5-6 campaign. The Tribe returns 14 starters but will go only as far as senior quarterback John Brosnahan will take them.

Brosnahan, completed 158 of 267 passes a year ago for 2,016 yards and 17 TDs. He will still be throwing to favorite target Harry Mehre, a senior flanker who caught 40 passes last season at more than 19 yards per catch.

Juniors Brad Uhl (138 tackles) and Kerry Gray (125 tackles) anchor a solid set of linebackers in Laycock's 3-4 defense. Problems could arise in a secondary hard hit by graduation losses.

Arkansas State

The Indians are the only Division I-AA team to make each of the last four playoff fields, but coach Larry Lacewell isn't quite as optimistic this year.

"We are awfully, awfully thin on defense," Lacewell said. "I guess we just finally got caught with a poor senior class—in terms of numbers—and we may finally have to pay the price."

The strength of last season's 8-4-1 squad was its defense that recovered 24 fumbles, but only four defensive starters remain, including free safety Tim Smiley (four interceptions) and tackle Kirk Russell (six sacks).

Speedy Earl Easley is expected to take over the Indian Wishbone attack with help from returning starters Richard Kimble (533 yards), Dennis Forrest (528 yards), and Andre Tate (343 yards) in the backfield.

Nicholls State

The Colonels lost only one of their first six games a year ago before cooling to a 5-5-1 record under new coach Phil Greco.

This season Greco's team has great depth with 54 lettermen and 17 starters returning.

Leading the defense is senior linebacker Richard Romero, who was involved in 100 tackles last year. Romero and senior defensive back Karl Hill are both I-AA All-America candidates.

On offense, senior Bobby McDonald is back at quarterback after passing for 2,491 yards in 1987. The backfield is set as seniors Jamie Lawson (425 yards), Billy Bob Hebert (4.7 rushing average), and sophomore Aaron Ruffin (344 yards) all return.

Western Kentucky

After winning seven of 10 games last season, the Hilltoppers suffered a bitter season-ending loss to rival Eastern Kentucky in the I-AA playoffs. This year Western Kentucky's hopes will be sweetened by the return of senior tailback Joe Arnold (901 yards, 5.0 per carry), who compiled the best rushing numbers in WKU history. Also returning are running backs Tony Brown (302 yards, 4.8 per carry) and Pedro Bacon (237 yards, 5.0 per carry).

While the ground game appears solid, there are doubts about the passing attack. David Armstrong, who completed just one of nine passes in three games last year, is the leading candidate for starting quarterback.

Linebacker Mike Carberry, who led the team

with 108 tackles, is one of five returning starters on defense.

Towson State

Meggett may not have the publicity of Lockbaum, but the senior tailback piled up equally impressive statistics. Meggett rushed for 814 yards while he also was the Tigers' leading receiver with 48 catches for 578 yards.

Despite Meggett's success, Towson State finished with a 4-6 record, marking the first losing season for coach Phil Albert (107-59-3) since his first year with the Tigers, way back in 1972.

Aside from Meggett, the Tigers are hopeful that sophomore quarterback Chris Goetz can continue his improvement. He threw for more than 2,000 yards with a 56% completion rate.

Defensively, the Tigers have limited experience, but the cupboard is not bare. Senior tackle Bill Stup (6-3, 275) and junior guard Rodney Smith (6-0, 245) will be counted on to provide leadership on this year's team.

Northeastern

The Huskies look to continue steady improvement. In the last three seasons Northeastern has won two, four, and six games, respectively.

Halfback Ray Gee (403 yards), fullback Harold Scott (303 yards), and Brian Walker (221 yards) return to form part of the explosive Wishbone offense directed by coach Paul Pawlak. Quarterback could be a problem as Jim O'Leary battles back from knee surgery. Otherwise, the task belongs to junior Rich Rodriguez.

Middle guard Tom Lucas is among seven returning defensive starters, but Pawlak must replace All-New England tackle Darin Jordan.

Louisiana Tech

Rookie head coach Joe Raymond Peace will have to go to war with a battalion of I-A powers including Florida State, Texas A&M, and Wyoming. The tough schedule, ranked the 11th most difficult in the nation, is part of Louisiana Tech's move toward I-A status.

Juniors Glenell Sanders (consensus I-AA All-American with 183 tackles) and Eldonta Osborne (125 tackles, 4 interceptions) head up the linebacking unit. The defensive front returns tackles Mike Wood (6-5, 245) and Anthony Moore (6-0, 260).

The quarterback position is a major question mark for Peace. Rookie redshirt Gene Johnson will battle two seniors for the starting job for an offense that has lost all of its starting skill-position players from last year.

Lamar

The good news is that the Cardinals return ten starters on defense. The bad news is that last year's defense gave up 35.1 points per game.

With six freshmen and five sophomores starting at times, Lamar's defense will benefit from experience. But coach Ray Albom must replace Lamar's departed all-time career rushing leader Burton Murchison.

The best attack may be through the air where Shad Smith and John Evans passed for 2,830 yards. Sprinters Derek Anderson and Chris Lafferty also return as receivers.

Unless there is significant defensive improvement, the Cardinals will have difficulty improving on a 3-8 record. ■ —Will Hare

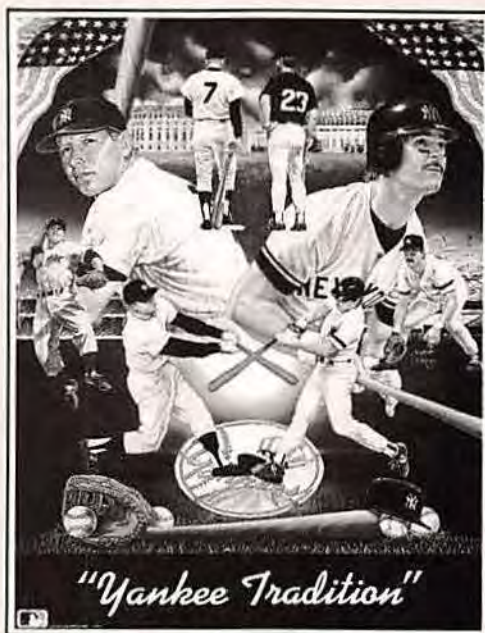
DIVISION I-AA INDEPENDENTS 1987 Final Records

School	W	L	T
James Madison	9	2	0
Ga. Southern	8	3	0
Western Ky.	7	3	0
Arkansas State	7	3	1
Northeastern	6	5	0
Nicholls State	5	5	1
William & Mary	5	6	0
Towson State	4	6	0
Lamar	3	8	0
Louisiana Tech	3	8	0

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Division II

Preseason Top 10

1. Portland State (Oregon)
2. Troy (Ala.)
3. Central Florida
4. Northern Michigan
5. Mankato State (Minn.)
6. Angelo State (Texas)
7. Winston-Salem
8. Indiana (Pa.)
9. West Chester
10. Virginia State

THE TWO BIG NUMBERS IN NCAA Division II football this season are 16 and 64.

For the first time, 16 teams will be invited to the grid playoffs, doubling the field from eight. In the past the top two teams in each region (North, East, West, and South) were selected, but the expansion could mean an imbalance in representation from the four regions.

"They'll definitely take one from each region," said J. D. Marshall, athletic director at Fayetteville State and a member of the Division II football committee. "For the first-round games, we're not restricted to region, but we are restricted to proximity."

Marshall said the Division II football committee would look at extending some automatic bids to qualified conferences—those with six or more teams—but the decision wouldn't be made until later.

In addition to the larger playoff field, Division II schools will have to cope with the effects of Proposal 64, which introduces Division I academic guidelines—a 2.0 grade-point average in core curriculum and a score of 700 on the SAT—to Division II member institutions.

An informal poll of conference spokesmen indicates that it's too early to gauge the new rule's effect on recruiting. Some Division II schools already have begun recruiting at junior colleges, but there is little or no indication that more institutions are taking this route en masse.

"I think it's basically a Southern problem," said Marshall, who represents the South region. "In talking to athletic directors and coaches, I get the feeling they're not happy with it. Some kids have not been taught; they've been caught in the system."

"We'll miss out on those kids. Kids who are juniors and seniors [in high school], some can't get up to speed. The kids who are in eighth, ninth, and tenth grades now will be better prepared."

A conference-by-conference look at the teams:

Central Intercollegiate

Winston-Salem should continue to dominate the South division. Sophomore quarterback Cornell Maynor, who led the Rams into the playoffs last year, returns.

Johnson C. Smith is a possible contender with its good defense, although the team couldn't put points

on the board in '87. J. C. Smith's offensive line is anchored by 6-4, 277-pound William Wyatt.

North Carolina Central features quarterback Earl (Air) Harvey, who was a candidate for the Harlon Hill trophy last season. NCC's defense is questionable, but Harvey's arm could carry the squad pretty far.

In the North division, Virginia State surprised many people with its 10-2 finish. That record included two forfeits and gave them a share of the division title, but Hampton beat VSU on the last day of the season to earn the championship game berth.

VSU lost durable running back Danny Boynton, but coach George Moody has some promising young runners in Keith O'Hara and Darryl McShay. The key to the Trojans' hopes is its beefy (260-pound average) offensive line. Darryl Brown, another Harlon Hill contender, and DeAndrea Neal anchor the unit.

VSU had problems on defense but should have back several experienced starters who were academically ineligible last season.

Virginia Union (7-3 in '87) also is not to be overlooked. Scrambling quarterback Kenny Jones is back, and he is aided by a crop of talented sophomores, including all-conference receiver Junior Wigfall and running backs Eric Washpon and William Flythe.

Great Lakes

The Northern Michigan team that lost to Portland State in the semifinals last season was a junior-dominated squad. Five all-conference players return on offense and two on defense. Tailback Steve Avery (6-2, 206), who was honorable mention All-America last season and averaged 130 yards per game, will play a key role.

On defense, the Wildcats free safety, Jerry

Woods, was named a second team All-American.

Ferris State could contend, but lost several seniors in key positions. One remaining player to watch for is All-America wide receiver Cedric Gordon.

Gulf South

The tradition continues at defending Division II national champion Troy as another assistant has been promoted to the head coaching spot.

When Chan Gailey left Troy to go to the Denver Broncos, Rick Rhoads was promoted to head coach. Rhoads then departed for Southern Illinois University, so the Trojans are being coached by Robert Maddox, who was defensive coordinator under Rhoads.

Troy lost all-everything Mike Turk, but fullback Tony Jackson returns. Jackson (6-0, 230) is the key to the Trojans' Wishbone offense. Troy's top defensive player, Gerrick Pimentia (6-0, 215), was the top defensive player in the conference a year ago. He had little competition from anyone except Livingston defensive back Kenneth Watson, who is seeking to become the conference's first four-time all-conference selection.

Both Jacksonville State and North Alabama could challenge Troy. Jacksonville senior offensive lineman Joe Billingsley (6-0, 290), an All-American his sophomore and junior years, returns.

Heartland

Butler (8-1) returns 14 starters, including running back Steve Roberts, who was among the division rushing leaders during most of last season.

Ashland could challenge the Bulldogs. Eagle quarterback Steve Biondi, a four-year starter, returns. Ashland has won or tied for the conference title five of the last seven seasons.



Steve Avery will be the key man in a strong Northern Michigan running game.



Chris Crawford hopes to lead Portland State back to the Division II title game.

Lone Star

Angelo State, which made the playoffs last season, was '87 conference co-champion with Texas A & I. And this year the Rams should win the conference outright.

Angelo State has most of their offense back, including quarterback Mickey Russell.

A & I's Javelines have two big question marks in their lineup: Fullback Johnny Bailey, who won the Harlon Hill trophy as Division II player of the year, missed spring practice with a back injury; Heath Sherman, a running back who went down at mid-season with a knee injury, also missed spring drills.

Missouri Intercollegiate

Central Missouri and Southeast Missouri are the teams to beat in the Show-Me State after tying for the league title last season. Central's Mules have three key skilled players back in wide receiver Alvin Johnson (54 receptions, 1,080 yards), running back Elliott Eley (144.6 yards per game), and conference offensive player of the year Jeff Phillips (2,849 passing yards, 19 TDs).

Southeast's top returnee is wide receiver Lorenzo Gathers.

North Central

Defending conference champion Mankato State lost 14 players from last year's playoff team, but the Mavericks defense is anchored by 6-3 220-pound linebacker J. R. Buckley. Buckley was the dominant defensive player in the league.

St. Cloud (Minn.) and North Dakota State tied for

second in the league last season. Sophomore running back Harry Jackson (125.8 yards per game) is the key to the Huskies' attack.

Rocky Hager took over at NDS and led the Bison to a 6-4 finish. NDS lost only five seniors, and all three quarterbacks who saw action are back. The passing group should be well protected by the Bison's beefy offensive line, which is anchored by All-America center Mike Favor (6-1, 285) and guard Matt Tracy (6-2, 290).

Northern California

This league is usually dominated by passers like Cal-Davis' Ken O'Brien, now with the New York Jets. However, all teams are coming off a slow season.

Cal-Davis is likely to repeat as league champion with many solid but unspectacular players returning. Chico State and Humboldt should follow. Humboldt's Lumberjacks could be the league sleeper. Humboldt QB Rodney Dorsett, a junior, was third in the league in passing (101-174, 1,300 yards). His two favorite targets, receivers David Booth and Lance Perry, also return.

Although San Francisco State isn't likely to contend, keep an eye on fullback Willie Freeman (6-2, 210) who was the league's rushing leader with 470 yards on 120 carries.

Northern Intercollegiate

Minnesota-Duluth is the preseason pick here. Coming off an 8-3 finish, Bulldogs coach Jim Malaskey begins his 31st season as head coach.

Duluth's defense is solid with four all-conference players back.

Pennsylvania State

In the East division, West Chester, Millersville, and Bloomsburg are strong contenders for the top spot. West Chester returns senior QB Al Niemela (2,233 yards, 22 TDs), the East player of the year. Niemela's partner, senior receiver Bill Heis (38 receptions, 854 yards, 10 TDs) also returns.

All-conference tight end Roger Smith is Millersville's top returnee, and Bloomsburg returns two all-conference defensive backs, Joe McLaughlin and Derrick Hill.

In the West division, defending league champion Indiana should battle Clarion to repeat as division champ. The Big Indians were in the playoffs last season. All-conference kicker Thomas Sandstrom returns. Indiana's defense will be led by senior linebacker Kevin McMullan and defensive back Darrin Cottrell.

Clarion lost quarterback Don Emminger (155-278, 2,242 yards, 23 TDs), who was named West player of the year. But Emminger's favorite target, receiver Ron Urbansky, returns for the Golden Eagles.

The PSAC has suspended its championship game so that the league schedule will not interfere with the expanded, 16-team, Division II playoffs. Some observers think the league could place as many as three teams in the playoffs because three PSAC teams were in the Top 20 through most of last season.

Southern Intercollegiate

Alabama A&M, Tuskegee, and Savannah State should contend. Savannah receiver Shannon Sharp (60 receptions, 1,078 yards, 10 TDs) is one of the best players in the conference. Returning Alabama A&M center Dino Wynn received the highest grade of any offensive lineman in the league in '87.

Other SIAC players to watch: Morehouse quarterback Jimmy Davis, who passed for 177.2 yards per game while maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average in three majors, and Morris Brown sophomore Tony Tillison, who led the league in kickoff returns with a 22.6-yard average.

Western

Portland State may be in its last year of Division II competition, and the Vikings are likely to repeat as conference champs. Senior quarterback Chris Crawford (199-294, 2,412 yards, 16 TDs) will lead the Viking offense. Portland lost to Troy in the Division II title game.

Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo got off to a 6-0 start, but faded and finished 6-3. With quarterback Tom Sullivan (177-235, 1,705 yards) returning, they could challenge Portland.

Independents

Central Florida leads this nondescript pack. They were the only independent to make the eight-team field last season. The Knights (8-3) lost only to Division I-AA schools (Georgia Southern, Florida A&M, and Eastern Kentucky) last year. Sophomore quarterback Shane Willis should pick up where Darren Slack (3,457 yards, 28 TDs) left off. Receivers Sean Beckton (11 yards per catch) and Arnell Spencer (15.7) return. ■

—Claudia Perry

Division III

Preseason Top Ten

1. Augustana
2. Wagner
3. Gustavus Adolphus
4. Dayton
5. Hofstra
6. Central (Iowa)
7. Washington & Jefferson
8. Allegheny
9. Ferrum
10. Wisconsin-Whitewater

WAGNER WILL HAVE MORE DIFFICULTY defending its national championship than it did winning its first in 1987.

Augustana, winners of four straight national crowns, was a second-round playoff casualty last year, but should go all the way in 1988.

Wagner is more than just formidable, but will have problems getting out of the East against the likes of archrival Hofstra.

Dayton and Gustavus Adolphus will challenge as usual, but it should be the Augustana Vikings on top, and to coach Bob Reade, all will be right with the football world again.

Augustana

The entire world did not fall on the Vikings in 1987, but it may have felt like it.

The Vikings had a 61-game unbeaten string snapped by Dayton in the playoffs, which prevented Augustana from winning its fifth straight Division III football championship.

Coach Bob Reade will reload this year, and the Vikings will be the team to beat again. Reade has a 91-9-1 record and hopes to become the first coach to win 100 college games in his first 10 years on the job.

Augustana has set the standard for excellence in the 1980s, and one year without a championship trophy will not deter the ongoing tradition.

Reade has 10 starters returning, including six on offense.

He runs a Winged-T style of the Wishbone offense, which will feature the ball-carrying skills of junior halfback Paul Malito, who rushed for 777 yards and nine touchdowns in 1987. When Malito is without the football, fullback Erik Burgwald, a strong senior, will be carrying it.

Four of the five offensive linemen return, including All-America center John Bothe (6-4, 245). He has started all 37 games Augustana has played since he has been there.

Four starters are back on defense. The most prominent is senior defensive end Bob Hoffman (6-1, 215).

The Vikings have not lost a regular-season game since October 18, 1980—when Jimmy Carter was president.

Wagner

Defending the national championship will be a difficult task for the Seahawks this season.

Coach Walt Hameline used a dozen ball carriers last year, and his top two rushers are back, seniors Terry Underwood (1,467 yards) and Tom Pugh (977 yards).

One area that is questionable for 1988 is the offensive line, which will have several new faces. On defense, seniors Rich Robinson (6-2, 250, DT), Troy Henry (6-1, 235, DE), and Eric Jenkins (6-3, 230, LB) will be the leaders.

The Seahawks outscored the opposition 403-164 last year, but probably will rely on the defense to carry them to the playoffs again.

Gustavus Adolphus

The Golden Gusties are coming off their first perfect regular season, but must keep momentum under a new coach, Steve Byrne, who has moved up from his previous job as defensive coordinator. He replaces the retired Dennis Raarup.

Byrne has among his 38 returning lettermen a highly productive senior quarterback in Dean Kraus, who passed for 3,902 yards and accounted for 4,524 total yards last year.

Sharing the rushing load in the Winged-T offense will be sophomore Mike Schumacher and junior Tim Schwartz.

Schumacher and Schwartz are expected to gain plenty of real estate this season, especially when they run behind offensive tackles Marc Iverson and Bruce Gruys.

Tackles Steve Mau and Reid Jaeger will anchor the defensive line.

The Gusties won the Minnesota Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference in 1987 and qualified for the playoffs, but were eliminated in the first round.

The Gusties won five games last season by coming from behind in the fourth quarter.

Dayton

The Flyers have been ranked in the Top 10 the last four years, and in 1987 they made it to the championship game in Division III only to come up short against Wagner.

Coach Mike Kelly has seven starters back on both offense and defense, but probably as important as any veteran will be placekicker Mike Duvick (14 field goals in 17 attempts, 45 of 47 conversions).

Senior Scott Hullinger will get the first call at quarterback after sitting on the bench last year with a knee injury.

Tim Earley, a speedster who averaged 5.4 yards per carry in a back-up role last year, is expected to key the running game.

Earley and Hullinger will operate behind an experienced offensive line, which has four returning starters.

The strength on defense will be the secondary, which returns intact.

The Flyers have established a tradition of excellence, and there is no reason to believe they will not be good again. How good remains to be seen.

Hofstra

Coach Mickey Kwiatkowski has developed a system whereby he recycles the team every year, and the Flying Dutchmen have been enjoying one successful season after another.

Senior quarterback Ken Bonkowski is the key to the team's Winged-T offense. Last year he hit on



Halfback Paul Malito (No. 37) keys Augustana's potent ground attack.



Wagner's Terry Underwood (No. 33) hopes to repeat his 1,000-yard season.

80 of 168 passes for 1,165 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Junior fullback Brian McGee (7.6 yards per carry in 1987) will share the ball carrying with tailback Cedric Dawkins, a speedster who sat out the 1987 campaign. He dashed for 794 yards two years ago.

Ed Fingerling, who plays either guard or tackle, will anchor an offensive line that will need some recycling due to the graduation of several starters.

Defensively, senior free safety Tom Salamone, who intercepted seven passes a year ago, heads up the secondary. Nose tackle Derrick Magwood (6-2, 270) is the leader on the line of scrimmage.

The Flying Dutchmen upset national champion Wagner in a regular-season game last year, but they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Expectations are higher this season.

Central (Iowa)

These Flying Dutchmen are the class of the Iowa Conference.

Coach Ron Schipper, who is 203-54-3, enters his 28th season. His teams work out of the I-formation and, as a rule, they are conservative on offense and cement-tough on defense.

Tailback John Barten, a senior, is featured on offense. Running behind fullback Mike Eilers, he rushed for 614 yards in 1987.

Schipper must choose a quarterback from two candidates: Steve Flynn, a back-up last year, and Brian Stone, an untested but talented sophomore.

Senior wingback Rick Perry gives the offense a different look when he gets involved as he did the last season with 19 catches.

Six starters are back on defense, including All-America candidate Mike Stumberg (102 tackles, 28

QB sacks), a 225-pound defensive tackle. He has been timed at 4.6 in the 40-yard dash.

Washington & Jefferson

In his six years as football coach, John Luckhardt has taken the Presidents to a position among the elite of Division III.

A former also-ran in the President's Athletic Conference, W&J has won 23 of its last 24 conference games, including 18 in a row. The Presidents are 35-6 over the last four seasons and have been in the playoffs in three of the last four years.

And there is no indication of a letdown this season.

Luckhardt must find a replacement for all-purpose tailback A. J. Pagano, an All-American, but in the early going, at least, he will man that important position by committee.

The Presidents have six offensive starters returning, including senior quarterback Pat Agner, fullback Rick France, wide receiver Rob Dombrowski, tight end Andy Pacak, and down linemen Voltaire Meade and John Kelly.

Seven regulars return on the defensive side of the ball, including area defensive player of the year Mark Kern at tackle.

The entire defensive line returns, and three of the four starters in the secondary are back.

Defense wins games, and there is little doubt about the defense at W&J.

Allegheny

In two years, coach Peter Vaas has taken the Gators from the dregs of Division III to a position

of high respectability and even higher visibility.

Vaas has recorded a 15-5-1 record in two seasons, employing the I-formation.

Junior John Logue (nearly 1,600 passing yards) is back at quarterback. Doug Oberdorf and David Brown, both juniors, will again share the load at tailback, while the fullback duties will again be handled by the tandem of Jordan Geist and Tom Hancock. Oberdorf and Brown combined for 1,565 yards and 16 touchdowns. Geist and Hancock did most of the blocking for those yards, and each has the bruises to prove it.

Allegheny, which won its first North Coast Athletic Conference title and made its initial playoff appearance, was led on defense by conference MVP Mike Parker, a nose guard who made 126 tackles, including 22 for losses.

The Gators are expected to be strong again because of a veteran defense and returnees at the skill positions on offense.

Ferrum

The Panthers, a junior college power for a number of years, made the Division III playoffs last year in their first year of eligibility.

And it will now be difficult to remove this Ferrum team from the penthouse of small-college football.

Coach Hank Norton, who has used the Wishbone attack to post a 198-61-11 college record, has all 11 defensive starters back and seven returnees on the offense.

A key on the defense is All-America senior line-backer David Harper. Another returnee who should make ball carriers cringe is junior defensive end Jack Turner.

The defensive line averages 230 pounds and is considered to be extremely quick.

Among the returnees on offense is running back Freddie Stoval (871 yards rushing, 6.9 yards per carry).

Blocking for Stoval and senior quarterback Phil Jones will be 290-pound tackle Wendell Fifield and 250-pound guard Phil Hudson, both seniors.

The Panthers rushed for an average of 263 yards per game in 1987 and are expected to improve that figure this year.

Wisconsin-Whitewater

The Warhawks have as many problems getting out of the Wisconsin State University Conference as they do in any playoff situations.

This year some of the best competition will come in training camp and then when the conference season begins.

Bob Berezowitz, in his fourth year as coach, has five returnees on offense and eight on defense.

The Warhawks' Pro-Set offense will be triggered by senior quarterback Jeff Olsen (2,033 yards, 10 TDs). However, he also threw 22 interceptions last season.

Olsen will have competition from Joe Parish, a transfer from Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Mike Furger, a transfer from the University of West Virginia. The top ball carrier is sophomore Travis Talton, who averaged 9.3 yards per carry a year ago.

Keying the defense are junior defensive back Dave Haluska and linebackers Greg Lueck and Brian Ripp.

—Bill Nichols

1987 Division I-A Statistical Leaders

Individual Statistical Leaders

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Name, School	Comp.	Atts.	Yards	TDs	Ints.	Rating
McPherson, Syracuse	129	229	2,341	22	11	164.3
Aikman, UCLA	159	243	2,354	16	6	163.6
Hartlieb, Iowa	196	299	2,855	19	8	161.4
Peele, USC	175	291	2,460	19	9	146.5
Jones, Vanderbilt	139	229	1,954	16	11	145.8
Burger, Auburn	178	267	2,066	13	9	141.0
Santos, San Diego St.	306	492	3,932	26	15	140.7
Hodson, Louisiana St.	162	265	2,125	15	9	140.4
Jones, Tulane	192	319	2,551	20	13	139.9
Walsh, Miami (Fla.)	176	298	2,249	19	7	138.8
Power, Boston College	133	233	2,071	10	9	138.2
Perez, San Jose St.	243	408	3,260	22	13	138.1
Musgrave, Oregon	139	234	1,836	13	8	136.8
Taylor, California	169	278	2,081	18	12	136.4
Mitchell, Utah	109	188	1,448	12	4	132.5
Secules, Virginia	174	296	2,311	13	8	132.3
McCain, Connecticut	158	268	2,013	13	8	132.1
Slayden, Duke	220	395	2,924	20	16	129.0
Francis, Tennessee	121	201	1,512	8	8	128.6
Gundy, Oklahoma St.	170	287	2,106	13	11	128.2
Barber, Cal St. Full.	147	265	1,931	15	10	127.8
Molander, Colorado St.	237	407	3,168	16	18	127.7
Tupa, Ohio St.	134	242	1,786	12	10	125.5
McManus, Florida St.	138	264	1,964	14	9	125.4
Telford, Fresno St.	202	351	2,589	12	10	125.1
Bell, Florida	140	239	1,769	9	10	124.8

COMBINED YARDAGE

Name, School	Rush.	Rec.	PR	KR	Total Yards	Avg./Game
Wilkinson, Kent St.	1,221	269	0	584	2,074	188.6
Thomas, Oklahoma St.	1,613	164	0	141	1,936	176.2
Metcalf, Texas	1,161	238	324	202	1,925	175.0
Mathis, New Mexico	36	1,132	16	677	1,861	169.2
Hayward, Pittsburgh	1,655	198	0	0	1,853	168.5
Brown, Notre Dame	144	846	401	452	1,843	167.6
Humphrey, Alabama	1,255	170	0	356	1,781	161.9
Thomas, Penn St.	1,414	300	0	58	1,772	161.1
Jeffrey, Texas Christian	1,353	257	0	0	1,610	161.0
Morris, Michigan	1,469	126	0	147	1,742	158.4
Woods, UNLV	1,658	46	0	0	1,704	154.9
Hood, Central Michigan	1,121	91	0	489	1,701	154.6
Hill, Arizona	16	798	237	621	1,672	152.0
Smith, Utah St.	0	1,048	293	258	1,599	145.4
Cobb, Tennessee	1,197	198	0	326	1,721	143.4
White, Michigan St.	1,459	115	0	0	1,574	143.1
Dixon, Houston	0	659	0	908	1,567	142.5
Jones, Indiana	2	1,115	0	448	1,561	141.9
Taylor, Oregon St.	411	364	0	784	1,559	141.7
Anders, Houston	841	707	0	0	1,548	140.7
Hardy, Purdue	3	723	264	542	1,526	138.7
Smith, Florida	1,341	184	0	0	1,525	138.6
Smith, Florida St.	1,230	126	0	0	1,358	135.8
Parmalee, Ball St.	1,064	241	0	47	1,352	135.2
Usher, Illinois	6	723	310	445	1,472	135.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

Name, School	Plays	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
Santos, San Diego St.	562	3,688	26	307.3
Perez, San Jose St.	450	3,213	23	292.1
Garrison, New Mexico	549	3,065	19	278.6
Stacy, Duke	494	2,968	23	269.8
Jones, Tulane	457	2,934	28	266.7
Snyder, Utah St.	505	2,774	20	252.2
Ellis, S. Carolina	469	2,773	10	252.1
Burnett, Wyoming	445	2,765	22	251.4
Rosenbach, Washington St.	529	2,743	16	249.4
Jones, Vanderbilt	408	2,619	22	238.1
Wilhelm, Oregon St.	464	2,613	17	237.6
Peele, USC	350	2,551	22	231.9
McPherson, Syracuse	339	2,540	27	230.9
Molander, Colorado St.	479	2,754	16	229.5
Taylor, California	338	2,064	19	229.3
Telford, Fresno St.	415	2,498	12	227.1
Hartlieb, Iowa	340	2,717	20	226.4
Dackin, Bowling Green	380	2,153	14	215.3
Secules, Virginia	353	2,356	18	214.2

* Touchdowns-responsible-for are players' TDs scored and passed for.

SCORING

Name, School	TDs	PATs	FGs	Pts.	Avg./Game
Hewitt, San Diego St.	24	0	0	144	12.0
Schmidt, Florida St.	0	47	23	116	10.6
Cobb, Tennessee	20	0	0	120	10.0
Thomas, Oklahoma St.	18	2	0	110	10.0
Harvey, UTEP	18	0	0	108	9.8
Mackie, S. Carolina	0	37	23	106	9.6
Velasco, UCLA	0	46	18	100	9.1
Parmalee, Ball St.	15	0	0	90	9.0
Green, S. Carolina	15	0	0	90	9.0
Jackson, San Jose St.	16	2	0	98	8.9
Tate, Georgia	14	2	0	86	8.6
Cox, Miami (Fla.)	0	43	17	94	8.6
Rouse, Arkansas	17	0	0	102	8.5
Fakava, Hawaii	17	0	0	102	8.5
Houghtlin, Iowa	0	39	21	102	8.5
Treadwell, Clemson	0	28	18	82	8.2
Williams, Florida St.	15	0	0	90	8.2

RUSHING

Name, School	Atts.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
Woods, UNLV	259	1,658	6	150.7
Hayward, Pittsburgh	357	1,655	4	150.4
Thomas, Okla. St.	250	1,613	8	146.6
Jeffrey, TCU	202	1,353	6	135.3
Morris, Michigan	259	1,469	5	133.5
White, Michigan St.	322	1,459	4	132.6
Thomas, Penn St.	268	1,414	5	128.5
Jones, Nebraska	170	1,232	7	123.2
Smith, Florida St.	172	1,230	7	123.0
Smith, Florida	229	1,341	5	121.9
McNair, Temple	249	1,058	4	117.6
Higgs, Kentucky	193	1,278	6	116.2
Humphrey, Alabama	238	1,255	5	114.1
Bell, Boston College	213	1,015	4	112.8
Henderson, Iowa St.	262	1,232	4	112.0
Thompson, Minn.	224	1,229	5	111.7
Wilkinson, Kent St.	244	1,221	5	111.0
Webster, USC	239	1,109	4	110.9
Green, UCLA	206	1,098	5	109.8
Dowis, Air Force	194	1,315	6	109.6
Parmalee, Ball St.	215	1,064	4	106.4
Harvey, UTEP	235	1,170	5	106.4

PUNTING

Name, School	No.	Avg.
Tupa, Ohio St.	63	47.0
Robison, Stanford	44	45.7
Tabor, California	66	45.4
Salmon, N. Carolina St.	64	44.9
Montgomery, Michigan St.	62	44.7
Becker, Texas Christian	59	43.9
Heldt, Colorado	40	43.9
Rhynes, UNLV	56	43.7
Robbins, Michigan	45	43.6
Watts, Texas	43	43.6
Thompson, Brigham Young	71	43.4
Cruse, Utah	59	42.9
Kilpatrick, Wyoming	65	42.9
Aguiar, Utah St.	57	42.6
Ross, San Diego St.	60	42.6
Schulz, Arizona St.	61	42.5
Jones Pacific	68	42.4
Albrecht, New Mexico	77	41.9

PUNT RETURNS

Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Grant, Stanford	27	446	2	16.5
Sanders, Oklahoma St.	15	244	2	16.3
Woolford, Clemson	21	326	2	15.5
Lewis, Georgia	14	195	1	13.9
Henry, Southern Miss.	41	556	4	13.6
Metcalf, Texas	24	324	1	13.5
Hall, Oklahoma	11	145	0	13.2
Gilbreath, San Diego St.	16	205	0	12.8
Hamilton, Louisville	17	209	0	12.3
Taylor, Northern Ill.	23	282	1	12.3
Gordon, Eastern Mich.	20	245	0	12.3
White, Cal. St. Fullerton	31	374	1	12.1
Obee, Oregon	34	410	0	12.1
Sanders, Florida St.	32	381	1	11.9
Brown, Notre Dame	34	401	3	11.8
Lott, Clemson	22	257	0	11.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Sanders, Oklahoma St.	14	442	2	31.6
Usher, Illinois	15	445	0	29.7
Greer, California	18	510	0	28.3
Dixon, Houston	33	908	1	27.5
Martin, Louisiana St.	17	459	0	27.0
Smith, Fresno St.	19	512	1	26.9
Hill, Miami (Fla.)	19	497	0	26.2
Hood, Central Michigan	19	489	1	25.7
Saxon, San Jose St.	19	488	0	25.7
Jeffries, Virginia Tech.	22	561	1	25.5
Payne, Utah St.	21	524	0	24.9
Tilman, Southern Miss.	26	646	0	24.9
Thomas, UNLV	19	465	0	24.5

INTERCEPTIONS

Name, School	Games	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
McMeans, Virginia	10	9	35	0	9.0
Krumm, Michigan St.	11	9	129	0	8.2
Cecil, Arizona	11	9	77	0	8.2
Jackson, Houston	11	8	218	3	7.3
Dixon, Oklahoma	11	8	214	1	7.3
Allen, Arizona St.	11	8	185	2	7.3
Edwards, S. Carolina	11	8	132	2	7.3
Cook, Virginia	11	8	14	0	7.3
Rice, Brigham Young	9	6	51	1	6.7
Whitley, Northwestern	11	7	202	0	6.4
Greene, Wake Forest	11	7	128	2	6.4
Newton, Texas Christian	11	7	117	0	6.4
Sandroni, Mississippi	11	7	47	0	6.4
Humphreys, Stanford	11	7	22	0	6.4
Burt, Iowa	12	7	15	0	5.8
Jacobson, Utah	12	7	12	0	5.8
Colter, USC	11	6	114	1	5.5
Cowan, Texas Tech.	11	6	66	0	5.5
Young, Central Michigan	11	6	62	1	5.5
Miller, Michigan St.	11	6	38	0	5.5
Ortega, California	11	6	36	0	5.5

RECEIVING

Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
Phillips, Houston	99	875	3	9.0
Uggins, San Jose St.	77	1,208	10	7.0
Zeno, Tulane	77	1,206	13	7.0
Jenkins, Fresno St.	76	985	3	6.9
Mathis, New Mexico	73	1,132	8	6.6
Davis, Louisiana St.	72	993	7	6.6
Smith, Utah St.	67	1,048	7	6.1
Hall, New Mexico	66	415	0	6.0
Hoffman, Wyoming	68	786	3	5.7
Boone, Oklahoma	62	587	0	5.6
Dykes, Oklahoma St.	61	978	8	5.5
Anders, Houston	61	707	6	5.5
Saxon, San Jose St.	61	561	2	5.5
Jones, Indiana	59	1,115	12	5.4
Broussard, Washington St.	59	701	3	5.4
Dixon, Houston	59	659	3	5.4
Ross, Iowa St.	53	673	4	5.3
Thomas, Oregon St.	58	891	10	5.3
Hardy, Purdue	58	723	3	5.3
Harry, Utah	63	626	3	5.2
Hines, Duke	57	1,093	11	5.2

FIELD GOALS

Name, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Avg./Game
Mackie, S. Carolina	23	30	.767	2.09
Schmidt, Florida St.	23	31	.742	2.09
Shudak, Iowa St.	20	25	.800	1.82
Gussman, Miami (Ohio)	20	25	.800	1.82
Treadwell, Clemson	18	21	.857	1.80
Houghtlin, Iowa	21	29	.724	1.75
Browndyke, Houston	19	24	.792	1.73
Velasco, UCLA	18	22	.818	1.64
Ivanic, Northern Ill.	18	24	.750	1.64
Cox, Miami (Fla.)	17	22	.773	1.55
Chitty, Brigham Young	18	26	.692	1.50
Lohmiller, Minnesota	16	19	.842	1.45
Hoyte, Wake Forest	16	20	.800	1.45
Nichols, Wisconsin	16	20	.800	1.45
Nicholl, Central Mich.	16	23	.696	1.45
Clements, Texas	16	23	.696	1.45
Bell, Fresno St.	16	25	.640	1.45
Wright, Temple	16	29	.552	1.45

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TOTAL DEFENSE

School	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Avg./Game
Oklahoma	704	2,289	3.3	7	208.1
Michigan State	676	2,482	3.7	13	225.6
South Carolina	714	2,501	3.5	11	227.4
Pittsburgh	699	2,563	3.7	11	233.0
Clemson	704	2,640	3.8	17	240.0
Miami (Fla.)	739	2,682	3.6	10	243.8
Texas A&M	728	2,692	3.7	16	244.7
Nebraska	734	2,912	4.0	15	264.7
Florida	744	2,956	4.0	13	268.7
Auburn	752	3,012	4.0	11	273.8
West Virginia	748	3,014	4.0	19	274.0
Florida State	732	3,016	4.1	14	274.2
UCLA	731	3,024	4.1	22	274.9
Syracuse	736	3,138	4.3	14	285.3
Michigan	707	3,141	4.4	18	285.5
Iowa	811	3,427	4.2	25	285.6
San Jose State	809	3,314	4.1	21	301.3
Kentucky	751	3,314	4.4	22	301.3
Notre Dame	719	3,314	4.6	22	301.3
Illinois	762	3,356	4.4	23	305.1
Alabama	745	3,458	4.6	19	314.4
Ohio State	765	3,470	4.5	18	315.5
Louisiana State	749	3,530	4.7	17	320.9
Colorado	750	3,533	4.7	21	321.2
Wake Forest	783	3,538	4.5	20	321.6

SCORING DEFENSE

School	Games	Pts.	Avg./Game
Oklahoma	11	82	7.5
South Carolina	11	111	10.1
Miami (Fla.)	11	111	10.1
Pittsburgh	11	114	10.4
Auburn	11	116	10.5
Nebraska	11	133	12.1
Florida State	11	135	12.3
Michigan State	11	136	12.4
Michigan	11	148	13.5
Syracuse	11	153	13.9
Texas A&M	11	158	14.4
Florida	11	158	14.4
Clemson	11	166	15.1
Louisiana State	11	171	15.5
West Virginia	11	177	16.1
UCLA	11	179	16.3
Fresno State	11	179	16.3
Colorado	11	180	16.4
Ohio State	11	181	16.5
Arkansas	12	199	16.6
Notre Dame	11	183	16.6
Wake Forest	11	185	16.8
Alabama	11	185	16.8
Georgia	11	187	17.0
Kentucky	11	187	17.0
San Jose State	11	193	17.5

NET PUNTING

School	Punts	Avg.	No. Ret.	Yards Ret.	Net Avg.
Ohio St.	64	46.3	32	363	40.7
California	72	44.7	34	295	40.6
Colorado	44	43.6	19	148	40.2
Oklahoma St.	39	41.7	16	82	39.6
Stanford	53	43.5	29	205	39.6
Michigan	46	42.7	21	161	39.2
Utah	60	42.5	21	204	39.1
Wyoming	67	42.0	30	192	39.1
North Car. St.	67	43.5	39	294	39.1

TURNOVER MARGIN

School	Fumbles	Int.	Total	Fumbles	Int.	Total	Margin/ Game
USC	18	19	37	9	10	19	1.64
UCLA	12	22	34	11	6	17	1.55
Oklahoma St.	18	17	35	6	12	18	1.55
Auburn	17	22	39	12	10	22	1.55
Pacific	17	15	32	10	5	15	1.55
Alabama	18	19	37	11	5	16	1.36
Eastern Mich.	12	16	28	8	8	16	1.09

RUSHING DEFENSE

School	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Avg./Game
Michigan State	360	676	1.9	5	61.5
Clemson	388	880	2.3	10	80.0
San Jose State	408	926	2.3	9	84.2
UCLA	373	936	2.5	7	85.1
South Carolina	419	1,036	2.5	6	94.2
Miami (Fla.)	455	1,064	2.3	5	96.7
Arkansas	393	1,208	3.1	9	100.7
Oklahoma	456	1,163	2.6	4	105.7
Nebraska	423	1,177	2.8	10	107.0
Texas A&M	463	1,203	2.6	9	109.4
Pittsburgh	479	1,290	2.7	6	117.3
Penn State	450	1,341	3.0	11	121.9
Iowa	500	1,471	2.9	11	122.6
Syracuse	437	1,353	3.1	7	123.0
Auburn	437	1,380	3.2	7	125.5
Central Michigan	414	1,406	3.4	11	127.8
Georgia	402	1,407	3.5	6	127.9
Hawaii	509	1,537	3.0	24	128.1
Michigan	455	1,411	3.1	10	128.3
Florida	475	1,444	3.0	9	131.3
Florida State	422	1,453	3.4	9	132.1
Arizona	441	1,472	3.3	9	133.8
Brigham Young	460	1,639	3.6	14	136.6
Duke	461	1,507	3.3	16	137.0
Eastern Michigan	410	1,524	3.7	15	138.5

PASSING DEFENSE

School	Comp.	Atts.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
Oklahoma	108	248	1,126	3	102.4
Illinois	83	185	1,152	5	104.7
Kansas	95	190	1,212	11	110.2
Pittsburgh	86	220	1,273	5	115.7
Navy	106	184	1,399	10	127.2
West Virginia	131	252	1,465	7	133.2
South Carolina	132	295	1,465	5	133.2
Memphis State	124	243	1,485	12	135.0
Texas A&M	116	265	1,489	7	135.4
Florida	128	269	1,512	4	137.5
Florida State	129	310	1,563	5	142.1
Baylor	127	282	1,567	9	142.5
Notre Dame	124	263	1,618	8	147.1
Miami (Fla.)	150	284	1,618	5	147.1
Indiana	130	241	1,630	9	148.2
Auburn	153	315	1,632	4	148.4
Tulsa	134	259	1,681	14	152.8
Kansas State	124	223	1,719	11	156.3
Michigan	144	252	1,730	8	157.3
Nebraska	138	311	1,735	5	157.7
Wake Forest	150	296	1,738	7	158.0
Boston College	110	229	1,748	10	158.9
Clemson	153	316	1,760	7	160.0
Mississippi	112	240	1,762	15	160.2
Kentucky	146	287	1,769	13	160.8
Syracuse	147	299	1,785	7	162.3
Iowa	150	311	1,956	14	163.0
Alabama	141	253	1,799	5	163.5
Louisiana State	169	310	1,804	9	164.0
Michigan State	163	316	1,806	8	164.2

PUNT RETURNS

School	Games	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Stanford	11	33	508	2	15.4
Oklahoma St.	11	17	244	2	14.4
Southern Miss.	11	26	640	7	13.9
Texas	11	27	309	2	13.7
Clemson	11	49	666	2	13.6
San Diego St.	12	16	205	0	12.8
Florida St.	11	40	512	3	12.8
UCLA	11	25	309	1	12.4
Northern Ill.	11	23	262	1	12.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

School	Atts.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Avg./Game
Oklahoma	829	5,497	6.6	61	499.73
Nebraska	835	5,379	6.4	56	489.00
Florida State	848	5,361	6.3	52	487.25
Wyoming	951	5,655	5.9	49	477.25
San Jose State	826	5,119	6.2	49	465.36
UCLA	826	4,886	5.9	45	444.18
Air Force	904	5,320	5.9	48	443.33
Louisiana State	747	4,843	6.5	42	440.27
Syracuse	778	4,843	6.2	45	440.27
San Diego State	924	5,263	5.7	46	438.58
Iowa	900	5,254	5.8	43	437.83
Utah	889	5,250	5.9	38	437.50
Southern Cal.	846	4,734	5.6	37	430.36
Oklahoma State	798	4,637	5.8	44	421.55
Duke	873	4,609	5.3	36	419.00
Tulane	825	4,587	5.6	46	417.00
South Carolina	835	4,515	5.4	33	410.45
Tennessee	858	4,871	5.7	48	405.92
Fresno State	834	4,427	5.3	27	402.25
Northern Illinois	874	4,420	5.1	35	401.82
Texas Christian	809	4,399	5.4	33	399.91
Texas Tech	803	4,393	5.5	38	399.36
Hawaii	887	4,753	5.4	40	396.08
Colorado	788	4,331	5.5	33	393.73

SCORING OFFENSE

School	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	479	43.5
Florida State	11	450	40.9
Nebraska	11	423	38.5
UCLA	11	406	36.9
Miami (Fla.)	11	392	35.6
San Jose State	11	390	35.5
Oklahoma State	11	374	34.0
Wyoming	12	407	33.9
Syracuse	11	363	33.0
Tennessee	12	395	32.9
Tulane	11	358	32.5
Air Force	12	377	31.4
Louisiana State	11	335	30.5
Iowa	12	360	30.0
Notre Dame	11	329	29.9
South Carolina	11	328	29.8
San Diego State	12	357	29.8
Texas Tech	11	315	28.6
Eastern Michigan	11	313	28.5
UTEP	11	309	28.1
Hawaii	12	337	28.1
Brigham Young	12	334	27.8
Northern Illinois	11	305	27.7
Southern Cal.	11	304	27.6
Texas	11	303	27.5
Michigan	11	303	27.5

PASSING OFFENSE

School	Comp.	Atts.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game
San Jose State	271	450	3,719	26	338.1
San Diego State	314	509	3,990	26	332.5
Utah	306	525	3,884	25	323.7
Duke	266	470	3,443	23	313.0
Wyoming	282	522	3,703	27	308.6
Houston	283	499	3,265	15	296.8
Iowa	255	413	3,559	23	296.6
New Mexico	284	514	3,230	17	293.6
Brigham Young	276	477	3,501	18	291.8
Oregon State	257	489	3,152	19	286.5
Fresno State	248	434	3,077	13	279.7
Utah State	237	448	3,016	21	274.2
Colorado	240	418	3,206	16	267.2
South Carolina	218	394	2,931	10	266.5
Western Michigan	213	463	2,899	13	263.5
Maryland	228	399	2,748	13	249.8
Tulane	196	336	2,643	21	240.3
Southern Cal.	186	311	2,577	20	234.3
Miami (Fla.)	198	336	2,556	21	232.4
Louisiana State	187	311	2,554	18	232.2
UCLA	173	270	2,520	16	229.1
Syracuse	139	250	2,518	23	228.9
Washington State	231	413	2,501	11	227.4
Long Beach State	197	365	2,494	9	226.7
Louisville	211	416	2,491	17	226.5

RUSHING OFFENSE

School	Atts.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Avg./Game
Oklahoma	730	4,717	6.5	52	428.8
Air Force	784	4,635	5.9	43	386.3
Nebraska	673	4,108	6.1	40	373.5
Colorado	665	3,370	5.1	28	306.4
Army	749	3,278	4.4	28	298.0
Northern Illinois	701	3,246	4.6	31	295.1
Texas Christian	616	3,241	5.2	24	294.6
Georgia	596	3,019	5.1	27	274.5
Florida State	530	2,995	5.7	34	272.3
Arkansas	753	3,196	4.2	31	266.3
West Virginia	620	2,927	4.7	25	266.1
Michigan	572	2,884	5.0	27	2

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RUSHING					RECEIVING					TOTAL OFFENSE				
Name, School	Atts.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game	Name, Player	Plays	Yards	TDR*	Avg./Game
Reed, Howard	211	1,512	7.2	20	Barber, Marshall	78	1,237	7	7.09	Wiley, Holy Cross	445	3,722	34	338.36
Gamble, Colgate	286	1,411	4.9	11	Lockbaum, Holy Cross	78	1,152	9	7.09	Friesz, Idaho	543	3,489	28	317.18
Tillman, Jackson St.	276	1,357	4.9	9	Olds, New Hampshire	61	807	5	6.78	Petersen, Marshall	519	3,409	23	309.91
Hoover, Delaware St.	205	1,191	5.8	12	Doctor, Marshall	70	1,004	6	6.36	Humphries, NE Louisiana	414	2,768	22	276.80
Jackson, Boise St.	202	1,273	6.3	16	Hebra, Maine	70	927	5	6.36	Whitmer, Idaho State	402	2,433	20	270.33
Harris, Eastern Kentucky	192	1,152	6.0	12	Andrade, Boise St.	63	922	9	6.30	Wyatt, Northern Arizona	479	2,969	27	269.91
Westmoreland, Illinois St.	197	1,025	5.2	3	Dunn, Connecticut	66	790	8	6.00	Carlson, Weber State	429	2,926	21	266.00
Matthews, Richmond	253	1,234	4.9	11	Dembowski, Holy Cross	65	819	8	5.91	Baur, Lafayette	457	2,575	16	257.50
Baxter, Alabama St.	266	1,206	4.5	9	Logan, Nevada-Reno	64	1,099	12	5.82	Buck, Maine	433	2,734	22	248.55
Crawford, East Kentucky	210	1,070	5.1	4	Beals, Idaho St.	62	1,022	9	6.64	Alcalde, Boise State	414	2,734	20	239.91

* Touchdowns-responsible-for are players' TDs scored and passed for.

PASSING EFFICIENCY					SCORING				
Name, School	Comp.	Atts.	Pct.	Yards	Name, School	TDs	PATs	FGs	Pts.
Wiley, Holy Cross	265	400	66.3	3,677	Sanders, Weber St.	21	0	0	126
Werbelow, Montana	133	203	65.5	1,883	Reed, Howard	20	2	0	122
Lewis, Sam Houston State	132	236	55.9	2,063	Lockbaum, Holy Cross	22	0	0	132
Zachoo, Nevada-Reno	153	252	60.7	2,158	Turner, Sam Houston St.	20	0	0	120
Wyatt, Northern Arizona	268	412	65.1	3,002	Meggot, Towson St.	16	0	0	96
Garrett, Princeton	162	251	64.5	2,057	Jackson, Boise St.	17	0	0	102
Friesz, Idaho	311	502	62.0	3,677	Penallor, North Arizona	0	33	19	90
Carlson, Weber State	199	364	54.7	3,044	Boyd, Northern Iowa	16	0	0	96
Ryan, Yale	170	285	59.7	2,110	Garcia, NE Louisiana	0	34	20	94
Brosnahan, William & Mary	158	267	59.2	2,016	Wiggins, Boise St.	41	16	89	8.09

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RUSHING					RECEIVING					TOTAL OFFENSE				
Name, School	Atts.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game	Name, Player	Plays	Yards	TDR*	Avg./Game
Bailey, Texas A&I	217	1,596	7.3	18	Masters, Evansville	94	960	4	9.4	Hobson, Evansville	457	2,964	29	296.4
Roberts, Butler	333	1,490	4.5	17	Mackall, Tenn.-Martin	90	792	5	8.2	Slack, Central Fla.	491	3,037	27	276.1
Johnson, St. Joseph's (Ind.)	259	1,466	5.7	15	Ford, Cent. Fla.	68	1,180	12	7.6	Crowell, Indianapolis	427	2,552	25	255.2
Eley, Central Mo. St.	312	1,591	5.1	13	Saboton, Indianapolis	66	1,099	10	6.6	Emminger, Clarion	311	2,282	25	251.3
Avery, Northern Mich.	266	1,300	4.9	12	Sharpe, Savannah St.	60	1,078	10	6.0	Phillips, Cent. Mo. St.	400	2,709	24	246.3
Pacito, Springfield	200	1,149	5.7	8	Urbansky, Clarion	58	941	8	5.8	Schuler, Grand Valley St.	391	2,475	22	225.0
Baker, SW Baptist	286	1,391	4.9	13	Peach, Evansville	54	907	11	5.4	Harvey, N.C. Central	477	2,424	22	220.4
Sims, West Chester	224	1,368	6.1	8	James, Morehouse	52	786	9	5.2	Crawford, Portland St.	364	2,325	21	211.4
Jackson, St. Cloud St.	263	1,342	5.1	8	Braff, St. Mary's	52	743	8	5.2	Reed, Tenn.-Martin	385	2,106	21	210.6
Gronski, Bermuda St.	166	1,203	7.2	13	Graham, Livingston	56	784	4	5.1	Horton, New Haven	383	2,084	20	208.4

PASSING EFFICIENCY					SCORING				
Name, School	Comp.	Atts.	Pct.	Yards	Name, School	TDs	PATs	FGs	Pts.
Brondo, Ashland	95	177	53.6	1,828	Bailey, Texas A&I	20	0	0	120
Niemola, West Chester	158	284	55.6	2,445	Bolin, Ashland	16	0	0	96
Pohanick, Indiana (Pa.)	152	259	58.6	2,277	Roberts, Butler	17	2	0	104
Crawford, Portland St.	191	294	64.9	2,412	Johnson, St. Joseph's (Ind.)	16	0	0	96
Popp, No. Michigan	100	167	59.8	1,406	Corryers, New Haven	15	0	0	90
Hobson, Evansville	242	386	62.6	3,042	Sonnek, South Dakota St.	15	0	0	90
Emminger, Clarion	155	278	62.7	2,242	Masters, Evansville	14	4	0	88
Lingle, Sonoma St.	147	255	57.6	2,133	O'Brien, Central Fla.	0	36	17	87
Davis, Texas A&I	104	189	55.0	1,600	Sherman, Texas A&I	13	0	0	76
Sloat, UC-Davis	169	277	61.0	1,905	Turner, Springfield	11	0	0	66

1987 Division III Statistical Leaders

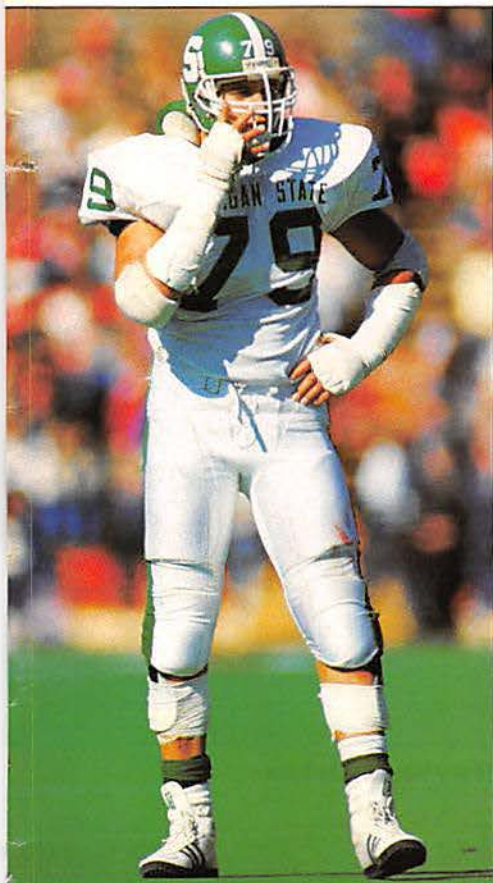
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Name, School	Atts.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Name, School	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg./Game	Name, Player	Plays	Yards	TDR*	Avg./Game
Dabrow, Claremont-M-S	265	1,486	5.6	13	Vogel, Knox	78	1,326	15	8.7	Greenough, Willamette	436	2,548	28	283.1
Hickey, Bates	208	1,266	6.1	17	Johnson, Pace	75	929	2	8.3	Moeves, Ill.-Wesleyan	405	2,520	28	280.0
Smith, Randolph-Macon	234	1,154	4.9	8	Amos, Frank & Marsh	73	1,082	6	7.3	Peterson, Wis.-Stout	393	3,052	27	277.5
Wilson, MacMurray	269	1,425	5.3	17	Horan, Concordia (Minn.)	72	1,132	10	7.2	Fisher, Samford	327	2,631	26	263.1
Rainey, Wis.-Whitewater	279	1,567	5.6	15	Fredrickson, Wis.-Stout	70	1,185	7	7.0	Weber, Carroll (Wis.)	349	2,300	25	255.6
Bohannon, Bowdoin	205	1,092	5.3	11	Daley, Pomona-Pitzer	62	778	4	6.9	Enterlein, Pace	464	2,282	25	253.6
Kring, Mount Union	282	1,364	4.8	16	Schmidt, Carroll	60	1,065	8	6.7	Scenesey, St. John's (N.Y.)	427	2,480	24	248.0
Lawrence, Bridgewater (Va.)	253	1,349	5.3	10	Willike, Capital	65	1,132	6	6.5	Stephens, Knoxville	285	1,917	23	239.6
Jones, Dayton	266	1,291	4.9	19	Bucci, Susquehanna	57	893	13	6.3	Collier, Emory & Henry	324	2,574	23	234.0
					Kiernan, Rensselaer	63	783	5	6.3	Walilae, Duquesne	514	2,512	22	228.4

PASSING EFFICIENCY					SCORING				
Name, School	Comp.	Atts.	Pct.	Yards	Name, School	TDs	PATs	FGs	Pts.
Fisher, Samford	139	252	55.1	2,394	Walilae, Curry	19	0	0	114
Collier, Emory & Henry	152	249	61.0	2,317	Hickey, Bates	18	0	0	108
Kovar, Wagner	121	207	58.4	1,979	Jones, Dayton	19	4	0	118
Devries, Millikin	97	172	56.4	1,572	Kring, Mount Union	19	2	0	116
Josokos, Plymouth St.	125	232	53.8	2,077	Pagano, Wash. & Jeff.	16	3	0	99
Clark, Wis.-Eau Claire	154	204	58.3	1,949	Brown, Allegheny	18	0	0	108
Segala, Gallaudet	119	111	48.6	1,097	Osborn, Wis.-Eau Claire	18	0	0	108
Stephens, Knoxville	108	225	48.0	1,939	Starks, Hiram	16	1	0	97
Peterson, Wis.-Stout	180	302	58.6	2,871	Vogel, Knox	16	0	0	96
Paladichuk, Concordia (Minn.)	146	244	59.8	2,008	Reed, Monmouth (Ill.)	17	4	0	106

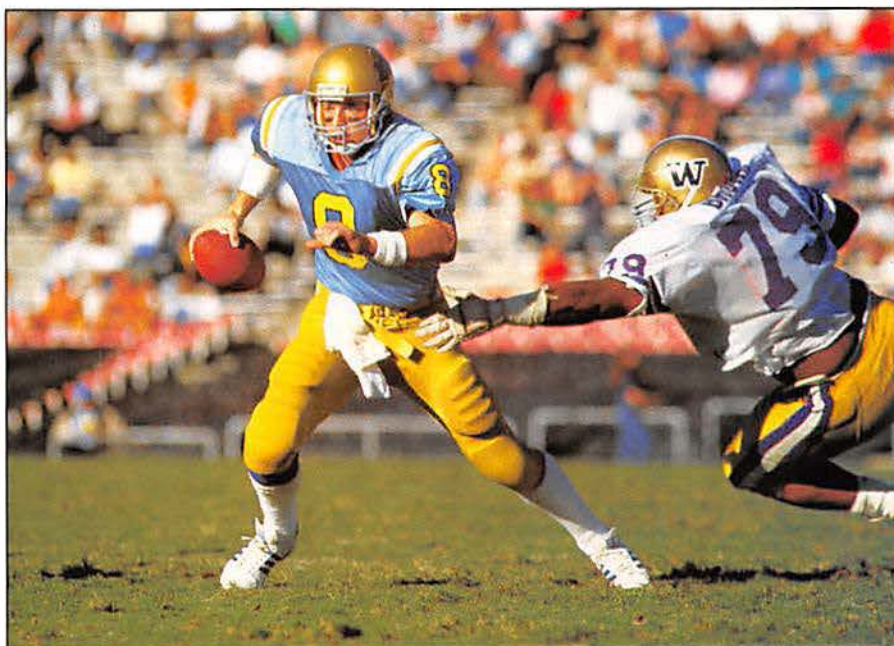
1988 College Football All-America Team

OFFENSE

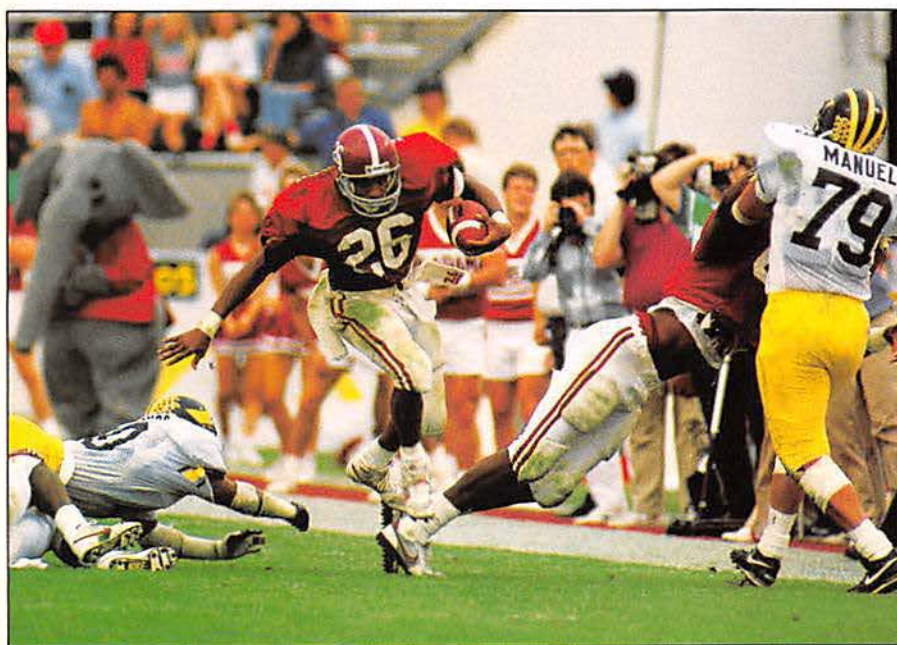
Position	Name	Year	School
Quarterback	Troy Aikman	Sr.	UCLA
Running Back	Bobby Humphrey	Sr.	Alabama
Running Back	Blair Thomas	Sr.	Penn State
Running Back	Emmitt Smith	Soph.	Florida
Wide Receiver	Lawyer Tillman	Sr.	Auburn
Tight End	Charles Arbuckle	Jr.	UCLA
Center	Andy Sinclair	Sr.	Stanford
Guard	Mark Stepnoski	Sr.	Pitt
Guard	Steve Wisniewski	Sr.	Penn State
Tackle	Tony Mandarich	Sr.	Michigan State
Tackle	Mike Zandofsky	Sr.	Washington



Tony Mandarich, Michigan State

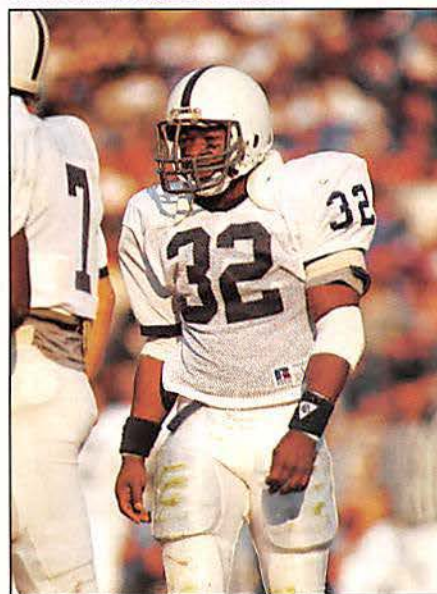


Troy Aikman, UCLA



Bobby Humphrey, Alabama

Blair Thomas, Penn State



1988 College Football All-America Team

DEFENSE

Position	Name	Year	School
End	Bill Hawkins	Sr.	Miami
End	Broderick Thomas	Sr.	Nebraska
Tackle	Tracy Rocker	Sr.	Auburn
Tackle	Raymond Chavous	Sr.	Clemson
Linebacker	John Roper	Sr.	Texas A&M
Linebacker	Eric Hill	Sr.	LSU
Linebacker	Carnell Lake	Sr.	UCLA
Defensive Back	Deion Sanders	Sr.	Florida State
Defensive Back	Donnell Woolford	Sr.	Clemson
Defensive Back	Louis Oliver	Sr.	Florida
Defensive Back	Robert Blackmon	Jr.	Baylor
Punter	Chris Becker	Sr.	TCU
Placekicker	Chris Kinzer	Sr.	Virginia Tech



Broderick Thomas, Nebraska



Tracy Rocker, Auburn



Donnell Woolford, Clemson



Deion Sanders, Florida State



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